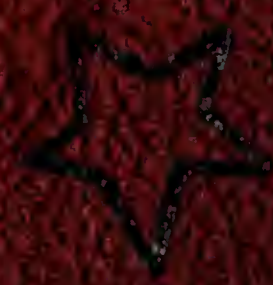
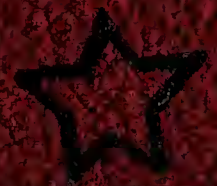
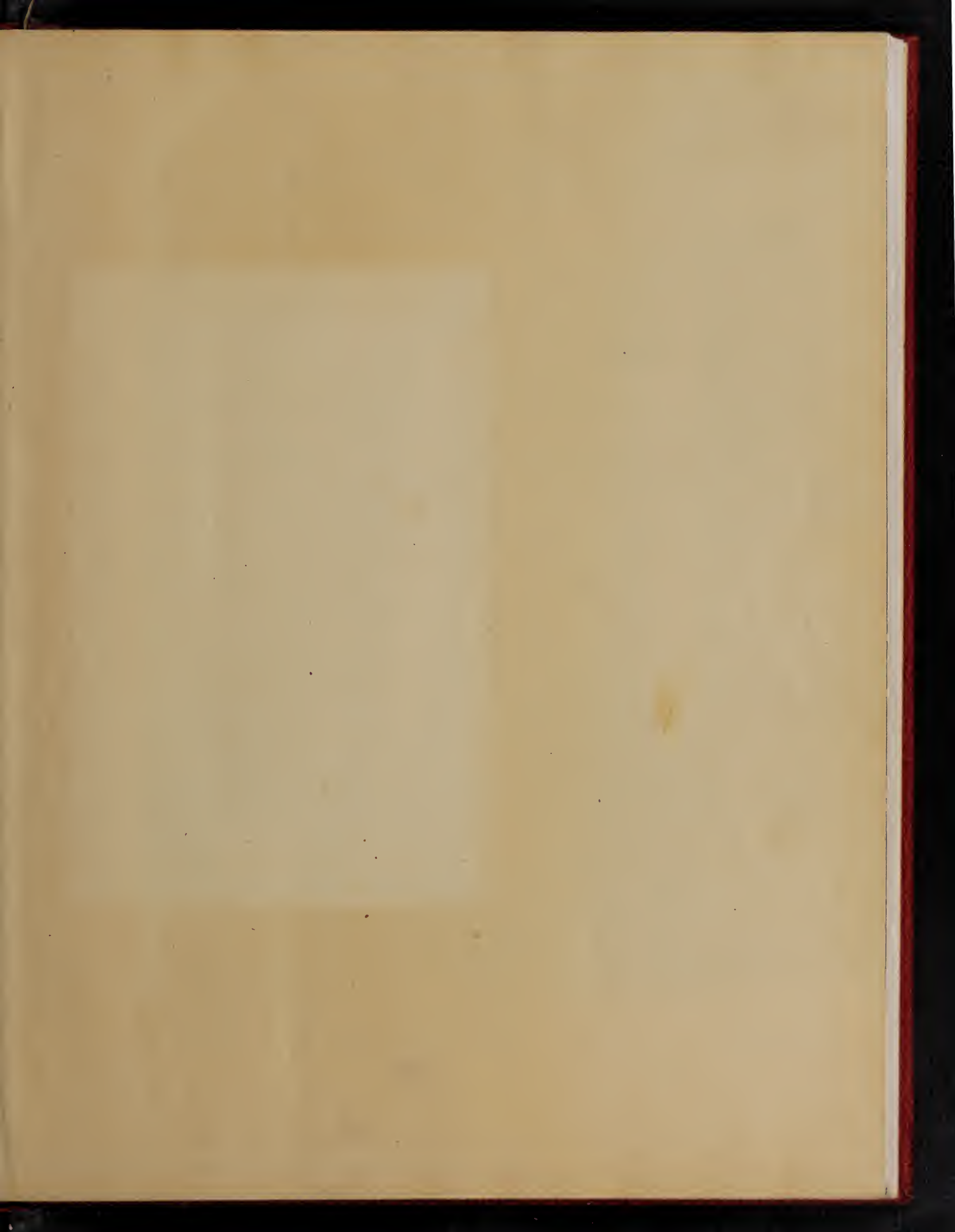
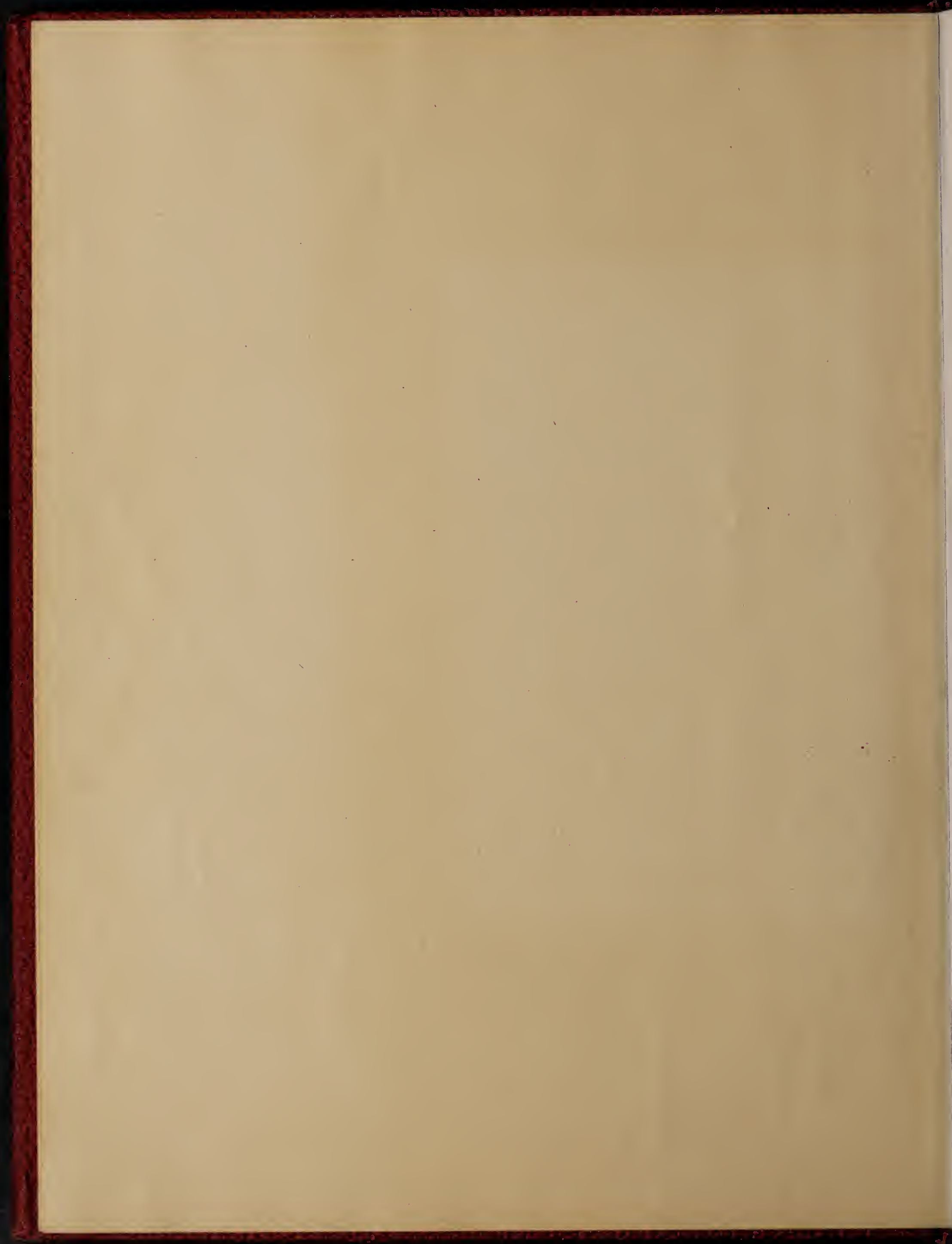


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MARILYN GUNN

Sis is one of the outstanding people in the class of '45. She has taken the college course to prepare for Physiotherapy. Sis has been on dance committees, in the band, in French club, in shows, on the Youth Council, and in Civil Air Patrol. She plays tennis and loves horseback riding. In her senior year she has been a cheer leader, and president of our class. Sis collects jazz records, but she dislikes Frank Sinatra and commercial recordings. With her ambition and enthusiasm, Marilyn should be very successful.

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"Tibby", that cute, vivacious brunette, vice-president of the Senior Class and Tri-Hi-Y girl, is a skiing, riding enthusiast. A member of the Athletic Association, Pioneer Staff, and Secretary of the class her Sophomore year, "Tibby" followed the College Course, liking History. She resents people who do not speak when spoken to. She plans to become a Cadet Nurse, and we bet she captures many an interne's heart.



SECRETARY

DOROTHY PARSHLEY

Dot has taken the college course in R. H. S. She is particularly interested in Art and is one of Mrs. Woodberry's best students. Dot has efficiently directed the art work for the Pioneer. She plans to go to art school next year. Dot works after school in Woolworth's Five and Ten. Whatever spare time she has is spent with a certain fellow she calls "Jerry" from Wakefield. He's a lucky boy!

TREASURER

ELEANOR NIGRO



Ellie is one of the most ambitious girls in our class. She is Class Treasurer, a member of the Pioneer Board, of Tri-Hi-Y, and also of the staff of the Chronicle. She has followed the college course, and plans to enter Tufts College. Ellie's favorite hobbies are piano playing and sketching. Her favorite class is Mr. Pitkin's U. S. History class, and her pet peeve is school on stormy days. Ellie's wish is to become a dentist. We know that she will be successful in whatever she undertakes.



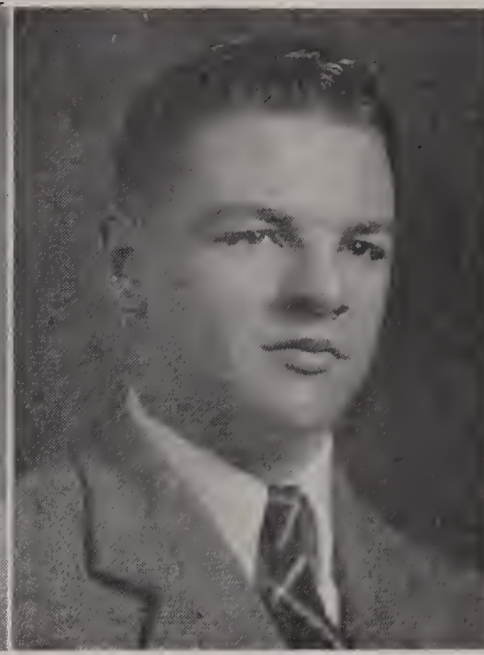
DORIS ANDERSON

"Dot" works in the library 8th period. She has taken the College Course, and her favorite class has been Miss Reed's English Class. She is a member of Rainbow and Junior Woman's Club. Dot was the announcer in the Christmas Play. She has done a wonderful job as Pioneer business manager since Dana's departure. Dot's hobbies are collecting napkins, and other souvenirs. Her pet peeves are people who don't keep dates, and parsnips!



IRENE ARTHUR

Irene, better known as "Tootsie", takes a college course and likes it very much although she has no future college plans. Her favorite subject is English, and her favorite pastime is dancing. Having been an active member of J. W. C., the Chronicle Staff, and a Program girl, she has been kept quite busy. One thing, though, that she'll always remember about R. H. S. is the Sophomores.



ERNEST BABCOCK, JR.

Ernie is another member of our class who is leaving before graduation. His choice is the Navy. Cars and tractors seem to take much of his spare time. He does find time for the Rifle Club and C.A.P. Ernie says his favorite class is Math, but for some unknown (?) reason he doesn't like English teachers. Cheer up, Ernie, this is your last year.



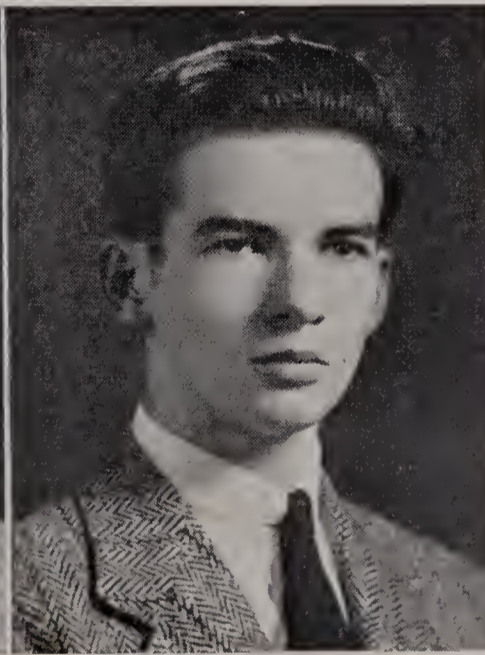
DORIS BAIN

Doris is a cute brunette who always has lots of pep and enthusiasm. In school she has taken the business course, and she says her favorite class is bookkeeping. Always active, Doris plays basketball and is a good dancer. Defense work at Sylvania has kept her very busy after school. She especially likes collecting swing records and is waiting for a lucky fellow in the Navy. We think she will make a very nice cadet nurse.



DONALD WILLIAM BATEMAN

"Don" who was in the scientific course, works for the Grain Co. in his spare time. "What spare time?" says he. DeMolay, football, baseball and "Attention, girls,"—going out on dates, are his chief interests. However, catty or fickle girls frighten him. Lunch and U.S. history are his favorite periods. We'll all be rooting for you in the Navy Air Corps, "Don."



ROBERT ALAN BATTING

Bob is a retired soda clerk. Bob has been a popular member of Hi-Y, DeMolay, C.A.P. and the Youth Forum. He followed the scientific course with Math his favorite subject. In his spare time he goes in for aeronautical research, reading, bowling, and girls. We shall remember him as Merrill Feurbach in the senior play. Next year Bob will be in the service. We wish the very best of luck to a swell fellow.



HELEN M. BECK

"Becky" is taking the secretarial course, so naturally, plans to be a "perfect secretary." Right now she is working at the Wood & Metal Furniture Co. after school. "Becky" has also been a very able secretary to several teachers. She loves to go dancing and skating, and she bowls a mean score. "Becky" likes good music and abhors tests and homework. Her favorite classes are shorthand and the popular study hall.



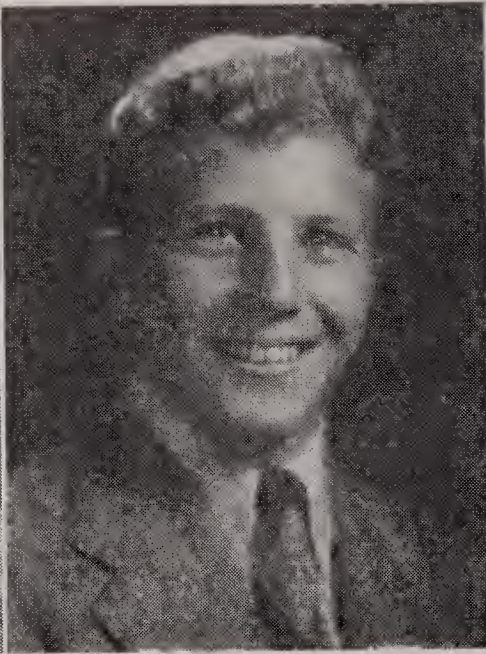
RUTH ELIZABETH BILLINGHAM

"Billie", a dignified, modest blonde, has pursued the college course, played on the basketball team, played the part of mother in the Christmas play, "The Eternal Life", appeared as Mrs. Graves in the senior play, and has been a library assistant. She skates, swims, and collects lipsticks. She likes English, and dislikes oysters and people who boast. She studies voice at the N. E. Conservatory, and will attend music school next year.



PAULINE BLAKE

Introducing "Pauly", of the stenographic course, who acts as Miss Brink's secretary, and whose ambition it is to attend business college and to become an efficient secretary. "Pauly" is somewhat of a collector, since she likes to collect pictures and vital statistics of movie and radio stars. U. S. History is her favorite study, riding, her sport, and girls who smoke—her pet aversions. The cigarette shortage doesn't bother "Pauly."



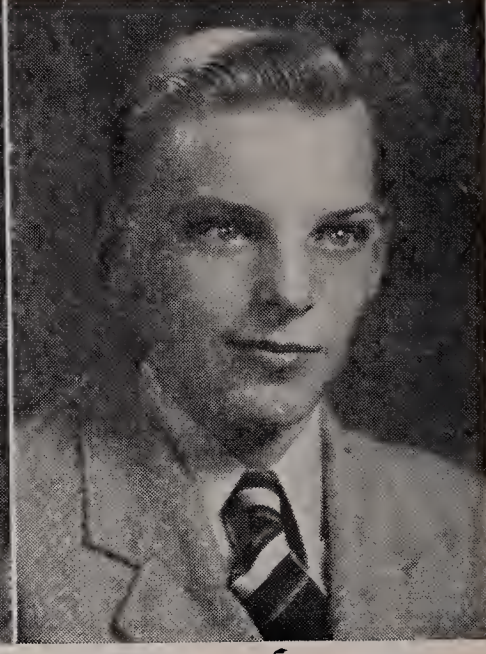
EDWARD DEWEY BLOOM

"Ned" has been very active in sports, and is a member of the basketball, football, and baseball squads. He follows the college course and tells us that his favorite subject is U. S. History with Mr. Pitkin. Ned is active in DeMolay. Other outside interests are hockey and deer-hunting. His pet peeve is cigarette smoke. After graduation, Ned plans to go on to school.



RICHARD BRENNAN

Dick is one of the taller and more amusing members of our class. He was Tommy Arbuckle in the play. He likes all kinds of sports, especially swimming, and has played on the C.Y.O. Basketball team. Dick has taken the general course and Miss Burns' English is his favorite class. Dick's hobby is collecting foreign and invasion money, and his pet peeves are noisy gumchewers and crooked stocking seams. Dick hopes to join the Navy after graduation.



DONALD BROCK

"Ducky" is our most original artist in the field of commercial art. We all know him for his unusual sense of humor and clever original ideas. Besides doing the decorations for several school dances, Ducky has won prizes: best Blood Donor's poster, the cover for the 1943 school committee report. Though in the Navy now, he may make us proud to say, "I knew 'Ducky' when . . ."



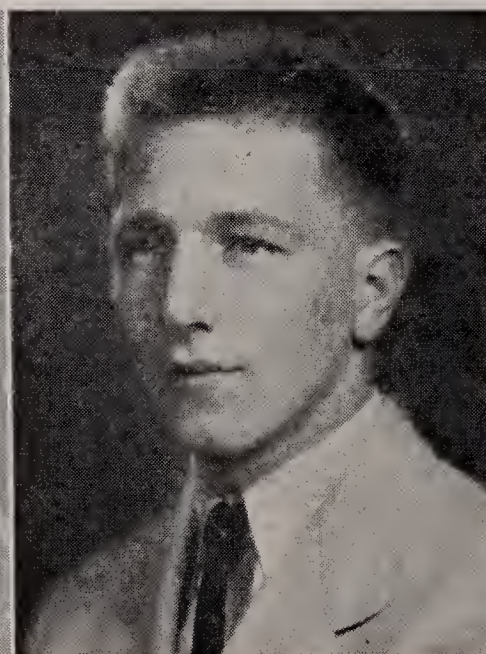
LORRAINE BROGAN

"Shorty", one of the quieter girls of the senior class, took the general course, and plans to be a telephone operator. She claims she has no hobbies, but with bowling, dancing and movies we can guess that she never has an idle moment. Study period and lunch seem to meet with her approval more than other classes. Just one little reminder before you leave R. H. S., Lorraine—don't forget to pronounce your nines (nines) correctly.



BEVERLY BROOKS

Bev has been taking the college course at Reading High. She was in the band and orchestra. When Bev was not tooting on her trombone at the games, she was subbing as a cheer leader. She is a member of Rainbow and Junior Woman's Club, and works at Prentiss and Parker's. Bev's favorite class is eighth period. Riding and swimming are her favorite sports. After graduation, Bev plans to join the Cadet Nurse Corps.



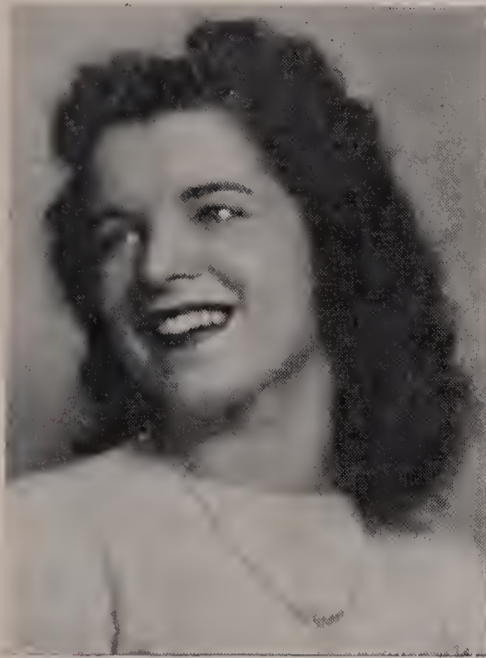
ROBERT BROOKS

"Bob" has been well-known for his football playing. He has been a key man on the squad for three years. "Brooksie" is a rough and ready fellow from North Reading. He has taken the shop course and excels in lunch period. Conceited women and the cigarette shortage are very annoying to "Bob." He has been one of Harry Smith's steady workers for a long time. "Bob" is aiming for the Navy after graduation. Good luck, Brooksie.



BETTY BROWN

Betty, while pursuing the college course, has found chem. lab. to be her favorite class. During football season Betty sold programs. She is a member of Junior Woman's Club. Betty is a schoolboy hockey fan and she keeps up the morale of the Armed Forces with her cheerful letters. Among Betty's pet peeves are homework, detention, and stubborn people. Next year will find Betty at Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School.



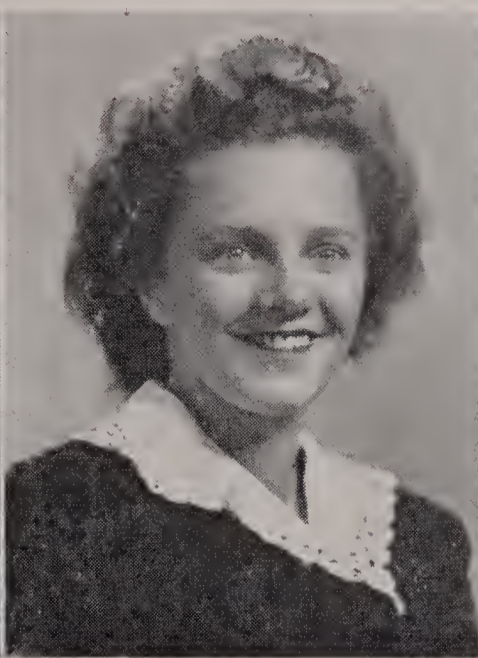
JANICE BROWN

Janice has taken the general course and says that English is her favorite subject. She likes all kinds of sports, especially tennis, swimming, and horseback riding. Janice belongs to Junior Woman's Club. She likes to entertain, cook, and skate, both ice and roller skating. Her pet peeves are fellows who aren't polite in the presence of girls, detention, drinking, smoking, and untrustworthy people. Janice plans to become a model.



ANNE CARNEY

Annie can be seen any afternoon after 2:30 behind bars at the Post Office selling stamps and weighing packages. After graduation, she plans to go to a secretarial school. Annie has been a most efficient secretary to Miss Nichols this year. Her hobbies include roller skating, dancing, and collecting souvenirs. Her favorite subject is typing. She loves the peace and quiet of the 5th lunch period and hates homework, tests, and show-offs.



GLADYS MARY CARTER

Gladys has taken the business course, English being her favorite subject. Shorty has been an active member of our basketball and tennis teams and a representative of the Athletic Association. Her pet peeves are conceited boys, clashing plaids, and maroon and red. She enjoys ice skating and good movies. Gladys' favorite hobbies are collecting stamps and listening to Bing's recordings. Gladys plans to attend a school of nursing.



PAUL CHAPMAN

Paul has taken the general course during his stay at the R. H. S. His favorite subject has been Physics with Mr. Pope. He works in the Diner after school and claims his hobby is money. He is one of those rare individuals who have no pet peeves. Paul plans to join the Navy sometime after graduation.



LAWRENCE W. COLFORD

The boogie-woogie fiend who also likes jive records, whose favorite pastime is driving, whose favorite sport is hockey, and whose favorite subject beside shop is—yes, you guessed it, Larry Colford. Larry was one of our able football managers. He is the half-pint who made such a hit singing and dancing in the Minstrel Show a few years back. It looks as if the Navy will get a good man when Larry enters.



MARY ELIZABETH COLLINS

Mary has followed the business course while at school, and her favorite class is typing. Dancing, singing, and going to the movies keep Mary busy outside of school. Mary was also in the A Cappella Choir, which she has enjoyed very much. Her hobbies have been collecting animals and other small objects. Mary's pet peeves are staying for detention and doing homework. Mary plans to be married after graduation. Congratulations, Mary.



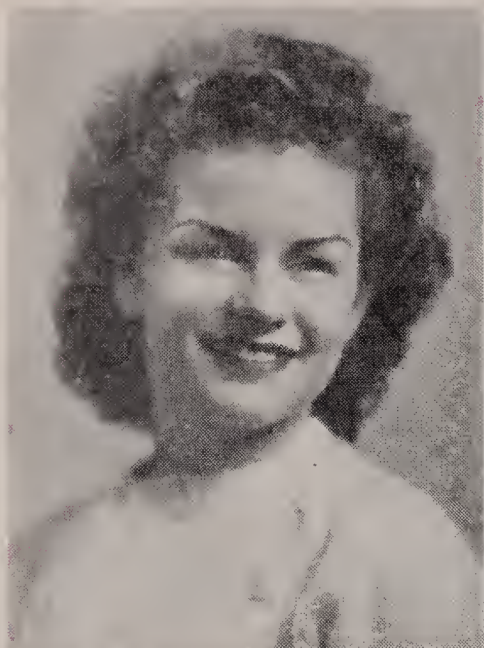
DOROTHY CONRON

Dolly has been silently struggling for the last three years with the college course. Her favorite subject is Math. She was manager of the girls' hockey and basketball teams and an athletic association representative, also a member of the Onawe Club. Next year she hopes to go to Normal School. Dolly claims that boring people and finger nail chewers are her pet peeves. Best of luck to you, Dolly.



BERTHA CORLISS

"Bert" is another future secretary, until "HE" comes back. We all know "Berta" as a dancer and U. S. O. worker. "Reading in the winter, Gloucester in the summer", is "Bert's" motto. To us it sounds like a good one! A Cappella Choir and Glee Club take up much of Bert's time. Along with a few million others, she doesn't like it when the mailman goes right by!



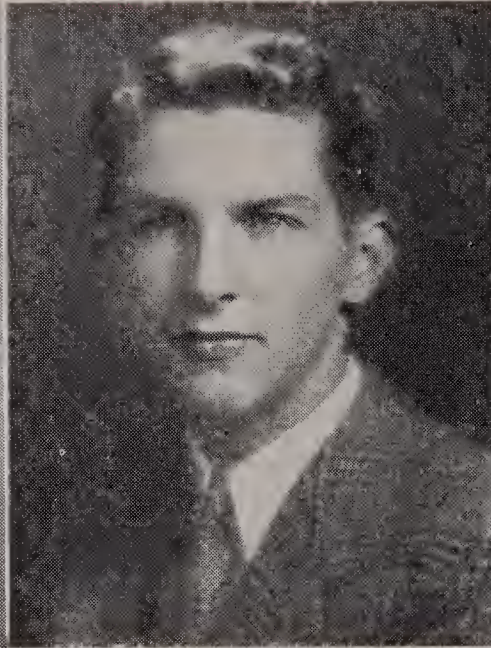
ANN CATHERINE CROUSE

Ann may be seen any afternoon "jerking" sodas at Torre's. Taking general business course, she says that Miss Reed's English class is her favorite. Dancing and swimming, with other interests, keep her busy outside of school. One of Ann's pet peeves is girls who wear pumps and ankle socks. We understand Ann has an interest in the Air Corps. After she finishes school, Ann plans to attend modeling school.



JEAN CROUSE

Jeannie has been one of our cutest cheer-leaders this year. She has also been in the Drum Corps, combining this activity with her work at Torre's. Jean's pet peeves are getting up in the morning, and sneakers. She has taken a mixed course at school, and tells us that her favorite class is art. Jean has not decided what to do after leaving school. Could it be she's waiting for the return of a certain red-head named Timmie?



STEWART PRESTON CROWELL, JR.

"Pres" has followed the scientific course, and after graduation plans to enter the Army Air Corps. He is a member of Hi-Y and DeMolay. In the field of sports, Pres plays hockey and tennis. He is a member of the traffic squad, and did a swell job as Harry Graves in the senior play. Pres sings in a quartette, and plays in the symphony orchestra. One of Pres' pet peeves is French. In the summer he works at Hopkins' Farm.



JAMES B. CURRELL

Jimmy has taken a mixed course in high school. He has been an important member of the football team for two years. Jimmy is a very good drummer. He is also quite a driver as anyone who has ridden with him in the Studebaker knows. Work at the Town Building has kept him busy this winter. Women and listening to records at Flint's take a lot of his time and interest. The Navy will be taking him soon. Good luck, Jimmy.



BEVERLY DALTON

Bev, a quiet little blonde, is taking the mixed course. When asked what was coming after graduation she replied, "I'd like to sleep for a couple of months and then work — maybe as a typist." That explains why her favorite period is typing. Bev not only is active in sports, but takes part in the Girls' Glee Club, and works in the library up North.



RAYMOND DAVIES

United States History has been Ray's favorite subject in the college course. Outside of school he has worked at Atkinson's and assisted at surveying. Ray is interested in hockey and is always ready to enjoy a good movie. His pet peeves are not being able to smoke during school hours and the school cafeteria. He plans to join the Navy sometime after graduation.



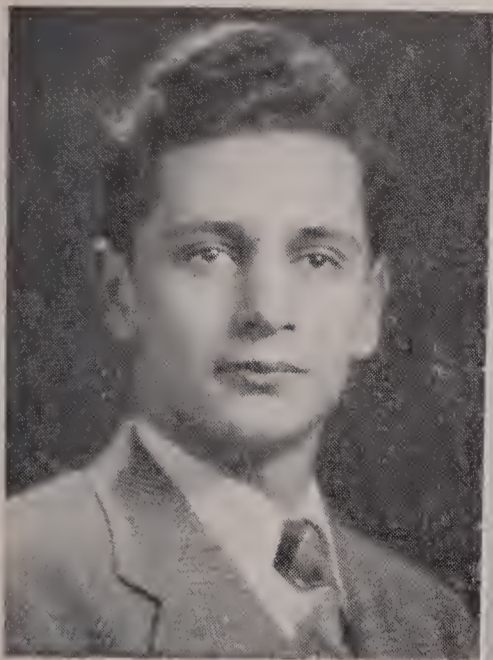
LUCILLE BROOKS DEWEY

Lucy has taken the college course. She enjoys horseback riding, and all outdoor sports. Lucy's favorite class is Art. She belongs to Rainbow and A Cappella Choir. One of Lucy's favorite hobbies is collecting miniature horses and pins. Her future is undecided, but Lucy hopes to go to college. If you see a girl riding a horse down Main Street, that's Lucy!



THEODORE D'ORLANDO

Ted came to R. H. S. from Revere in his Senior year. He takes the college course and has joined right in school activities. He is a member of DeMolay and has joined the Civil Air Patrol. Ted says he likes horseback riding very much. He is one of the few boys who will be able to go to school for a year before going in the service. He plans to go to Boston University. We hope that R. H. S. compares favorably with Revere, Ted.



ALBERT DAVID DOUCETTE

Albie has taken the fine arts course in high school. He particularly likes art class. Albie has been a representative in the Athletic Association and an ardent sports fan. Besides art, he likes sleeping and dancing. You've no doubt seen Albie in the Pioneer store on Haven Street. He has worked there for a long time. Albie claims he strongly dislikes women. Lot's of luck to a future Marine.



NELSON DOUCETTE

Nelson is a very cheerful, easy-going fellow who can always be identified by his funny laugh. He took the commercial course in R. H. S., but didn't care particularly for any kind of studying. Quite musical, "Nel" was in the choir for three years. For a long time he could be seen almost any day working at the First National Store. Nelson left us after mid-year's for the Navy. We wish him luck.



JULIA EASTMAN

Julia has been on dance committees and on the senior executive board. Julie is interested in art and is a talented musician. In school, Julia likes English and Art classes. A member of Rainbow since the eighth grade, she will soon be Worthy Adviser. Among her outside interests are driving, riding horseback, and a fellow in the Army. Julia plans to go to Mass. Art School to prepare to be an art teacher.



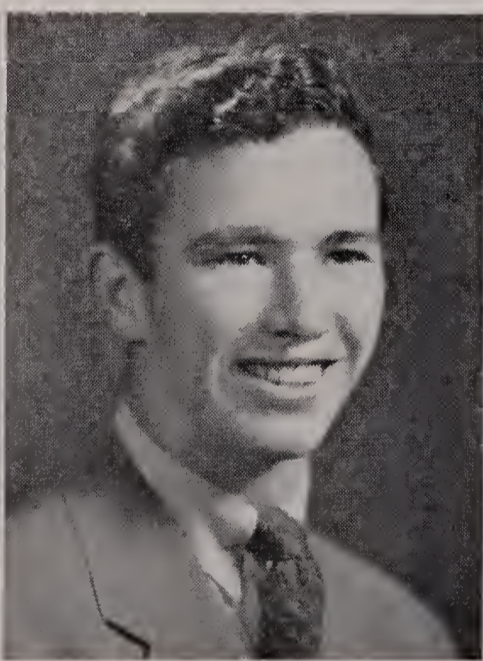
JAMES EMERY

"Jimmy" is one of the best-liked and most respected fellows in our class. In his sophomore and junior years he was an outstanding basketball player. This year he was manager of the basketball team. Jimmy has taken the college course and plans to go to college next year. As yet he hasn't made up his mind, but it will probably be either University of Maine or Northeastern. We wish you lots of luck, Jim.



PRISCILLA FANCY

"Pril's" favorite class is art. She delights in all outdoor sports, being particularly active in field hockey, basketball, and "having fun in general." Perhaps "having fun" includes music, for we enjoyed her splendid piano accompaniments for the Girls' Glee Club and the French Club! After school hours, Pril has been working for a jeweler; but her hope for the future is to become a "farmer's wife."



WILLIAM FENNELLY

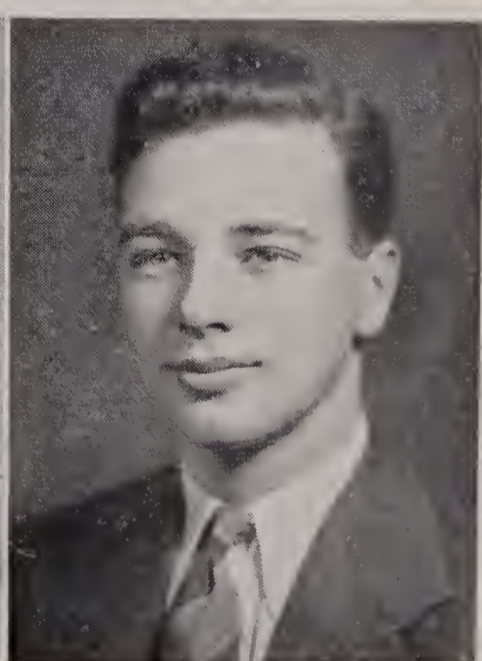
"Fenn" has had lots of exercise these three years going from the High School to the Junior High School for shop. He doesn't mind, though, for he particularly likes his shop work with Mr. MacDonald. Bill likes all sports and has played football every season. He is often seen in Torre's where he spends much time. He's a good sport and very good natured, but he doesn't like stuck-up girls. Fenn is going into the Navy, he hopes.



GLENNA GENEVIEVE FLATER

Glenna has taken a general course in R. H. S. She likes art class the best of her subjects. Work at Sylvania keeps Glenna busy after school. She contemplates going to a hair-dressing school in Boston.

Genevieve has taken a general course. She likes English better than most classes. Genevieve plans to get married soon after she gets through school.



DAVID FISHER

"Dave" came to us this year from Pennsylvania. We will long remember him as a key man on the best football team that Reading has ever had. Dave takes the college course and hopes to go to either Penn State or U. C. L. A. next year. He played basketball for a time and baseball. Dave is one of the "Cosmopolitans" and spends a lot of time at a cute cheerleader's house on Bond St.



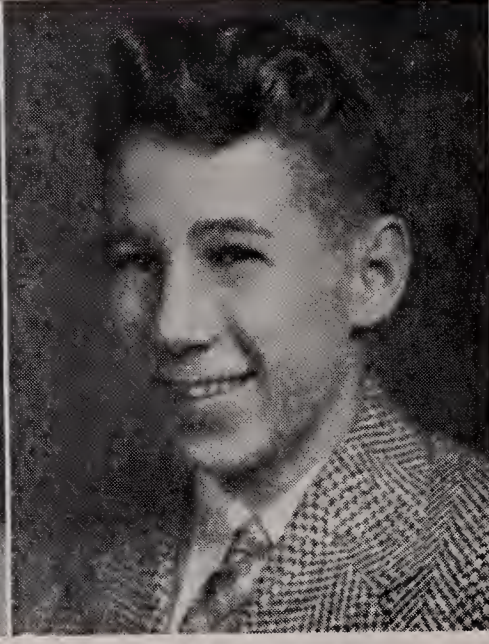
BARBARA FLINT

Barb takes the general course at R. H. S. and hopes to go on to school. She's been a member of J. W. C., Rainbow, Dance Committees, Athletic Association, Student Council, and a ticket seller. Her interests are dancing and Torre's. Typewriting is her favorite subject. Homework, detention, and boys who don't like lipstick are on her list of Pet Peeves. She particularly liked the football season this year—didn't you, Barb?



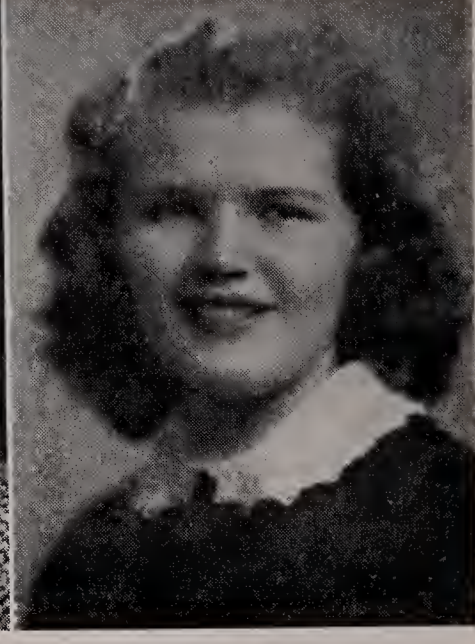
RICHARD H. FORD

Dick has taken the college course in high school. He served on the Athletic Association and Student Council, and was a member of Hi-Y and President of the Cosmopolitan Society. He was President of our class, Junior year. Dick played football, and likes chemistry class and driving his car. He worked for the Pioneer store, driving the truck and cutting meat. Good luck to you in the Air Corps, Dick.



ROBERT FORTIER

Bob has attended the majority of the school games for three years. He has participated in baseball, but has preferred to by-stand the others. Bob has completed the Scientific Course and anticipates a future as an engineer. "Mike", as he is often called, has as hobbies Model Aircraft and Mechanical Drawing. He prefers his women feminine. The Navy will be Bob's future for the duration. Luck to you, Bob.



SHIRLEY ANNE FOSTER

Shirl has taken the commercial course and has already a year's experience using her knowledge at Sanford Mills. Shirley has enjoyed science and typing. She tells us that she works with mechanics outside of school. Riding and table tennis are her hobbies. She hates it when the loud speaker is turned on and someone blows on the mike. It annoys her to see people with ankle-socks and pumps.



JEANNE FULLER

"Jeannie" has found music and English the most interesting subjects of her general course. Jeanne has played field hockey and basketball for three years. For two years she has been captain of the basketball team. She has been in the glee club. Jeanne comes from North Reading and works as a telephone operator there when not in school. Jeanne is going to join the Cadet Nurse Corps after graduation.



ANASTASIA GAVIN

"Stasia" is another member of the Stenography III class who has theatrical ability. She appeared in a comedy and was in the senior play. Teaching dancing school, horseback riding, dancing, reading, and knowing the past and present history of most orchestras occupy much of her time. Blue and green worn together, silly girls, and outdated recordings are definitely out in Stasia's book. Her ambition is to sing with an orchestra.



KATHRYN GEARY

"Kaye" has taken the general course in preparation for doing office work. Her favorite subjects are English and lunch. Almost all of Kaye's interests are out of school. She belongs to the N.E.O.P. Lodge and likes roller skating and swimming. Spending money lavishly must be fun if you have the means to do it with, "Kaye." Conceited people and late dates rate considerable scorn from this lady.



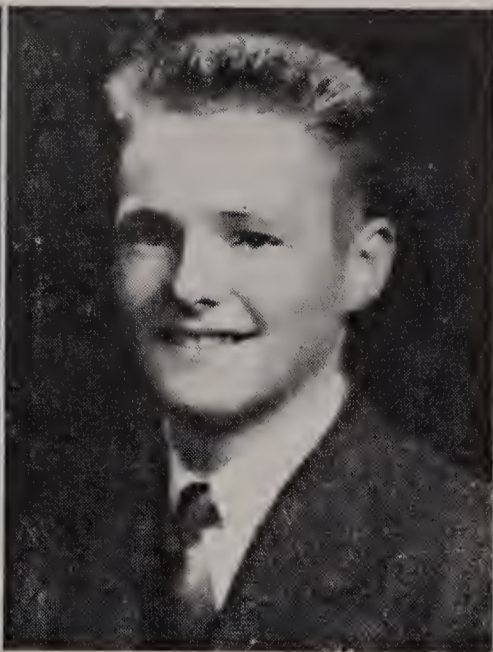
DOROTHY GONZALO

"Dodo" is one of the wittiest and best-natured girls at school. She is another of those versatile members of the Stenography III class who have histrionic ability having been in an office comedy and the Senior Play. "Dodo" is also an active member of the Pioneer staff and the Reading Youth Council. She is absent-minded, loves to dance, is crazy about coffee and doughnuts, and just can't bring herself to do homework.



ROBERT A. GRIFFIN

"Griff" is one of the staunch members of our football team who were responsible for our glorious season this year. He belongs to the A. A. and was an active member of the Student Council. "Griff" is doing all right by the scientific course, and he prefers physics to any other subject. After graduation, he plans to enter college. A real hep-cat, "Griff" likes jive records and dancing. His pet peeve, of course, is detention.



RICHARD A. HAGAN

Dickie is the fabulous storyteller who just can't be topped for exaggeration. In between tall tales, however, he finds time to perform his executive duties as President of the French Club and vice-president of the Hi-Y. Dickie is also an active member of the Pioneer staff, and is vice-president of the Youth Council. Tackling the college course, he finds chemistry an interesting subject, as subjects go. As sports go, it's tobogganing.



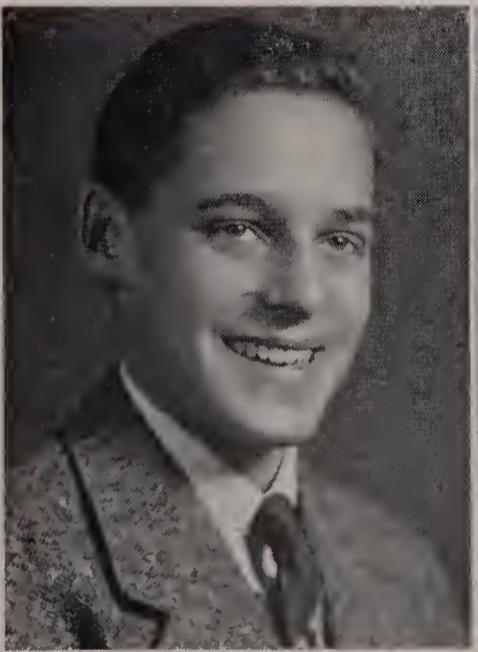
ELEANOR HATFIELD

If you hear a happy laugh around the corner, you're sure to find Ellie. While taking the College Course, her favorite class has been Chem. Lab. Ellie is always ready to talk about the hard hitting defenseman on the Stoneham hockey team. El, besides being a member of Jr. Woman's Club was a program girl during football season. Next year, Ellie plans to attend Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School.



ROBERT HEATON

"Bob" has spent only his senior year in R. H. S. He is quite interested in radio work and hopes to go to Mass. Radio School and get into Navy Radar after high school. Here at school he likes chemistry more than other classes. Sailing, printing, and working with radios take a lot of Bob's time and interest, as do movies and dancing. Homework and broken dates are two evils that Bob finds very annoying.



ALAN HODGES

Alan is a dark, quiet fellow who has struggled through the college course successfully. Al was Haskel Cummings in the senior play. He has been a faithful member of the band for three years. In his senior year, Al was Treasurer of the Hi-Y and is an active member of DeMolay. He plans to join the Navy. Good luck, Alan.



ELEANOR HORTON

"Ellie" has taken the college course. History is her favorite subject. Although studying is not one of her special interests, she has been on the honor roll every year. Ellie has been a member of Tri-Hi-Y, Junior Woman's Club and Rainbow. She spends her spare time dancing, and collecting souvenir spoons and menus. Skating is her favorite sport. Ellie plans to go to Simmons where she will study to be a laboratory technician or a medical secretary.



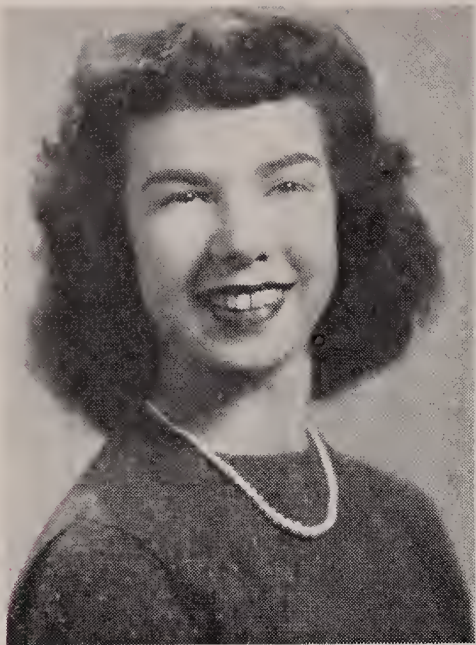
CALVIN HUGHSON

"Tex" has taken the shop course. Most of his interests lie outside school. He is particularly interested in marksmanship, and is a member of the rifle club. "Tex" likes skiing, skating, and football. He spends a lot of time at Birch Meadow. He has been a faithful member of the band for three years. The Navy seems to hold his interest now. Good luck, "Tex."



BARBARA HUTCHINS

"Hutch", after three years of the college course, leaves R. H. S. to attend the University of Vermont. There she hopes to obtain a medical degree — specializing in obstetrics. She was elected into Tri-Hi-Y in her sophomore year and played in the band, where she has been seen parading at the football games. Spare time she spent in the "lab" experimenting with her favorite subject, chemistry. An excellent swimmer, she is a senior life-saver. Her chief pastime is knitting.



LORRAINE JEHU

"Vicky" has taken a general course. She hopes to go to Wilfred's Academy next year to train to be a hairdresser. She likes chemistry and art classes. "Vicky" spends a great deal of her time outside of school roller-skating and goes every time she gets a chance. She's a good-natured girl who likes almost everything except red and pink together. "Vicky" seems to be very much interested in the Navy. We wonder who he is.



**ELIZABETH CLAUDETTE
JIGERJIAN**

"Liz" finds Bookkeeping and Glee Club the most interesting parts of her general course in high school. She likes music of all kinds and is very fond of dancing and singing. Liz has an interesting hobby of making laces. She also likes to collect stamps and dancing costumes of different countries. Liz plans to make use of her bookkeeping in a job this summer. Next year she hopes to go to Leland Powers Dramatic School in Boston.



BARBARA M. JOHNSON

Barb is one of the busiest girls at school and would like to be six people at once. She is taking the college-scientific course, and, having a versatile mind, chooses music on the one hand and chemistry and physics on the other as her chief interests. Barb plans to be a research chemist or a professional musician. The musical interest prevailing, she plans to attend the New England Conservatory of Music.



BEVERLY JOHNSTON

Bev has taken the Business Course, but her future is still undecided. Coach Kent's Math class and Lunch appeal to her above all other classes. Her favorite sports are skating and swimming. Beverly's pet peeves are girls who think themselves superior and teachers who pass out detention. Of course, Bev was always a good girl and never did get detention!



JACQUELINE R. KEEFE

Go into Torre's any time after school and you'll probably be greeted by Jacqueline with the swell sense of humor, better known as "Jackie." She is desperately pursuing the general course, of which the only class that appeals to her is lunch. Outside of school and work, it's dancing and skating for her, and her hobby is letter-writing. Jackie absolutely despises long red fingernails and short skirts.



AVIS KNIGHT

"Tiny" is our lively editor of the Pioneer. Avis means "spirit" in French, and she certainly has been a guiding spirit on the Chronicle staff as well as in U. S. history. At R. H. S. she has enjoyed French III and chem. lab. the most. Believe it or not, Frankie is one of her pet peeves. All types of music are tops with her. After graduation, "Tiny" hopes to go to B. U. to study journalism. We'll be watching for those by-lines, Avis.



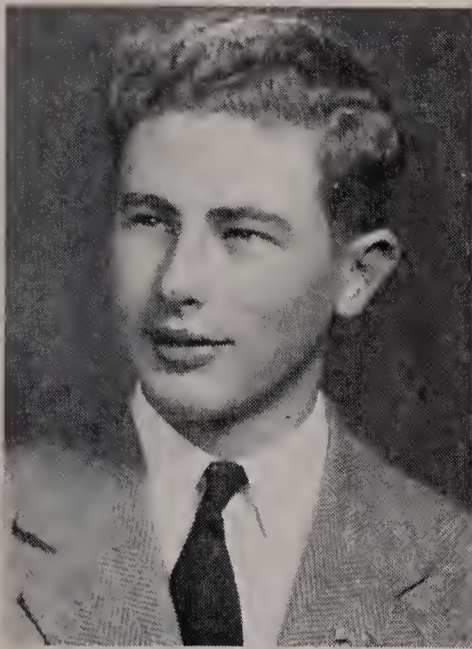
GRACE LANDER

Gracie is the gal with a head for figures, having been cashier in the cafeteria for three years. She is taking the general course, of which chemistry is her favorite subject. She is a very busy member of the Pioneer staff, and, although her hobby is knitting, she also loves football and ice skating. Gracie definitely dislikes snobs, and her charming personality and pleasant nature make her ideal material for the Cadet Nurse Corps.



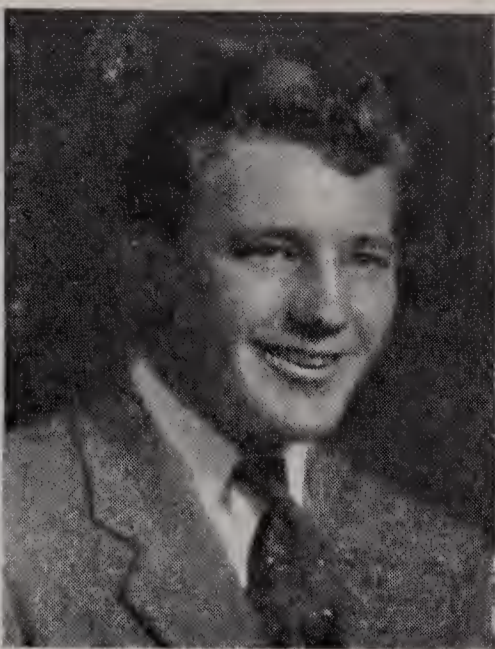
MELVIN LANE

Melvin is a quiet fellow who has taken a general course in high school. Mel has been a faithful member of the band for the past three years. He likes all sports, especially baseball. Melvin isn't certain about the future, but it will probably be some branch of the service. Good luck, Melvin.



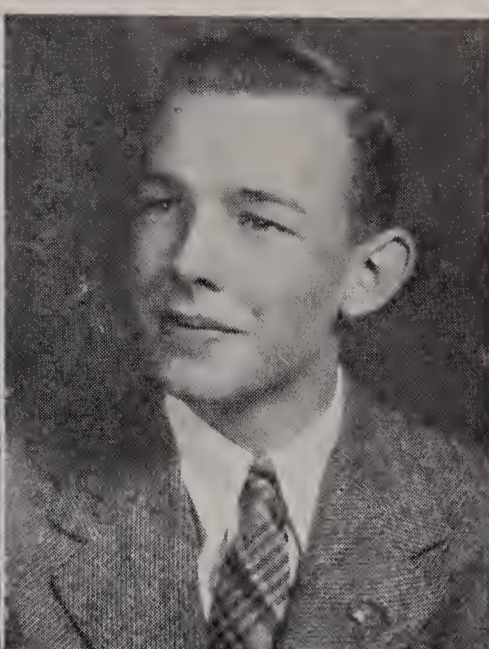
MARTIN LAPPIN

In the First National we often saw Martin at the cash register; now he's in the Navy. In school, Martin took the college course and hopes to become a chemical engineer. He acquired experience in his home laboratory. He has been a member of Hi-Y and DeMolay. He often urged us to take interest in the Youth Council. Martin has been on the Chronicle Staff, Student Council, dance committees, and was a traffic officer.



FRANK LEACH

Hank's interests don't include school work. He has played football and baseball, been in Hi-Y and DeMolay, served on the Reading Youth Council and Pioneer staff. Hank played on the Birch Meadow hockey team, and Reading Aces Baseball Club. He likes best to lounge around listening to records and to talk sports with Father Connelly. A whole list of dislikes includes neckties, cuffless pants, double-breasted suits, and red heads. Good luck in the Navy, Hank.



PAUL LESURE

Paul became Valedictorian without limiting himself to studies. He has been "Uncle Willis" in the senior play, on the senior executive board, in several forums, in Hi-Y, Marshal of DeMolay, Junior Rotarian, and a Traffic Squadder. As president of the Reading Youth Council, Paul has helped make the dances successful. He wrote for the Pioneer, and was editor of the Chronicle staff. He hopes to join the Navy after graduation.



THELMA L. LIBBEY

"Lib" has brightened many classes with her good humor. "Thel" enjoys dancing, horseback riding, and skiing. She has found typing her favorite class because there's no homework attached to it. "Thel" has concentrated on being a good student, for she intends to become an angel of mercy after graduation. But no matter what path you might follow, "Thel", we know that that personality of yours will lead you to happiness.



LENA LUCCI

"Mickey" has taken the general course in R. H. S. and enjoys music classes and glee club the most. She is one of the few people who admit liking to read. She takes a decided interest in driving. Something has made her very much against men drivers. It's usually just the other way around, isn't it? "Mickey" plans to become a Cadet Nurse. We're sure she'll be a good one.



MARGARET LYONS

"Mardie" has breezed through the College Course and is a Class Honors speaker at graduation. Besides being Prexy of Tri-Hi-Y, Mardie has been in Junior Woman's Club and Rainbow. She is Write-up Editor of the Pioneer, has been on the Chronicle staff, an A.A., and Student Council representative, a football program seller, on the Senior Executive Board, and in charge of War Stamp sales. Mardie hopes to go to Smith.



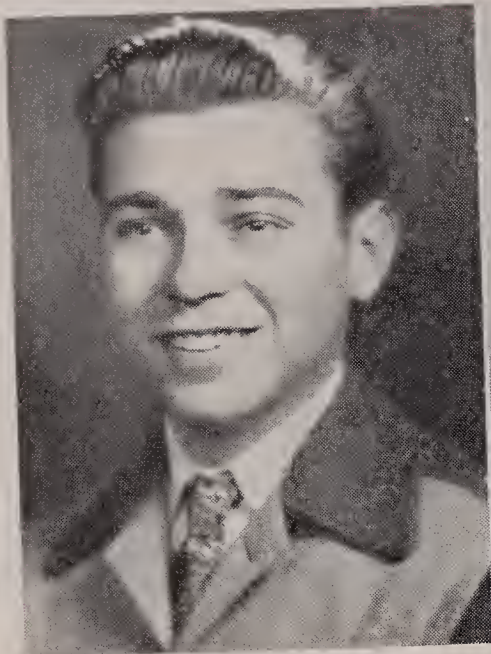
ORILLA MacLEAN

"Sissie", as she is known to most of us, has a type of personality all her own. She has a grand sense of humor and is, without doubt, an addition to any gathering or party. We are informed that her pet peeves are too much make-up, oral reports, and high pompadours on boys. Sis has completed the general business course at R. H. S. this year, and she wants to join the Cadet Nurse Corps. Who would make a better nurse than "Sis"?



STUART MACLEOD

"Stuie" has been an assistant editor of the Pioneer. Very artistic, "Stuie" does a lot of drawing outside of school and did the outstanding decorations for the football dance last fall. He has been on several dance committees, a representative in the Athletic Association, and a member of the senior executive committee. He isn't sure what he will do after graduation; probably he will go to school until next fall.



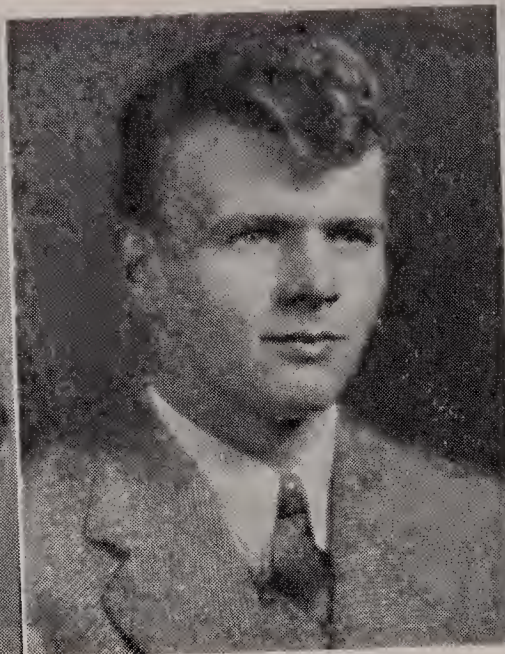
HERBERT MAINE

Herb is another hard-working lad from up North. He has taken and enjoyed shop work in high school. Herb goes in heavily for guns and shooting. We wonder if he shoots anything. He likes all sports, and the part of school that rates his approval is lunch period. The cigarette shortage and women particularly annoy him. That looks bad, girls. Herb plans to join the Navy soon. We wish him lots of luck.



ELINOR MARTIN

Though quiet, "Ellie" makes her presence noted. She is taking the college course, and hopes to become a Cadet Nurse. "Ellie" belongs to Rainbow, A Cappella Choir, and plays tennis, besides being on the Pioneer staff and in the Christmas play. Ellie capably played the part of "Fuffy" in the Senior Play. Her pet peeves are girls who giggle, and conceited boys. One of her many outside activities is writing to servicemen.



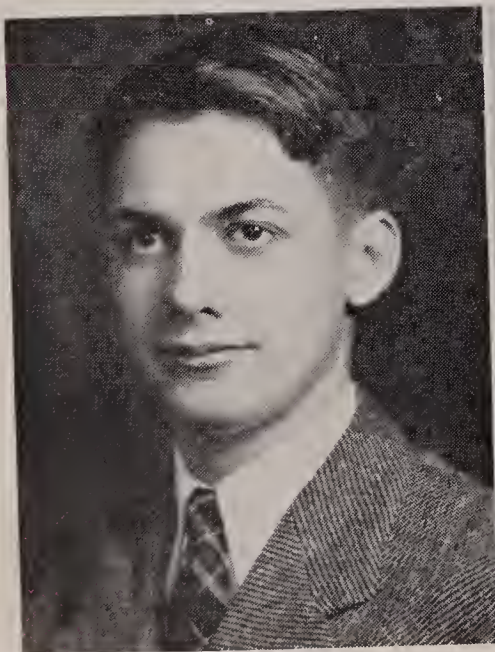
ROBERT MATHIESON

Many the female heart has been quickened as this future "gob" approached behind the wheel of that familiar Ford. Their joy is turned to grief as he passes solemnly onward toward his rural destiny. "Rocco" of football fame has selected the general course at R. H. S., which he says was highlighted by Mr. Adams' chemistry class where he caught "hydrogenitus." Less make-up and shorter finger nails are Bob's request of the local ladies.



ELEANOR McKENNA

"Ellie" plans to be a secretary after she finishes high school. She doesn't particularly like to study, but she likes typing and lunch period. Quite musical, Ellie has been in the band, glee club, and choir. She has been a member of Tri-Hi-Y and was a candy girl at the senior play. Ellie likes to roller skate and to write letters, especially to someone in the Navy. Late dates and catty girls are on the top of her black list.



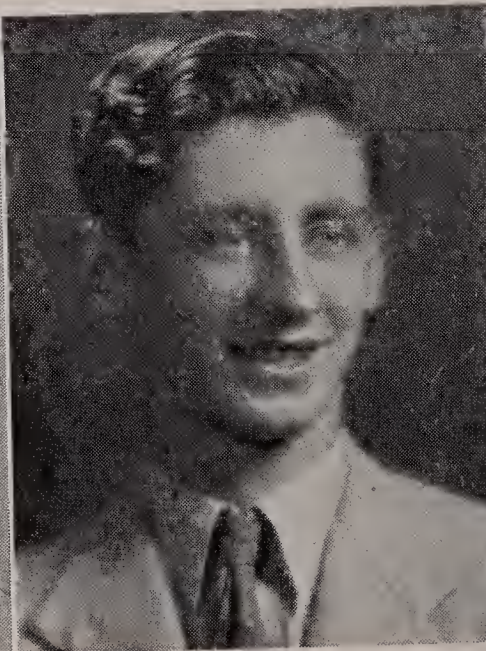
CHARLES MEAIGE

"Chuck" was the manager of the football squad this year, and has also been very active in baseball. When not too busy with managerial duties, "Chuck" could be found ice-skating, building model airplanes, or working on art, which he admits is his favorite study. Girls trying to act beyond their years are first on his hate parade. He expects to go into the Navy when his school days are over. Here's to your success "Chuck."



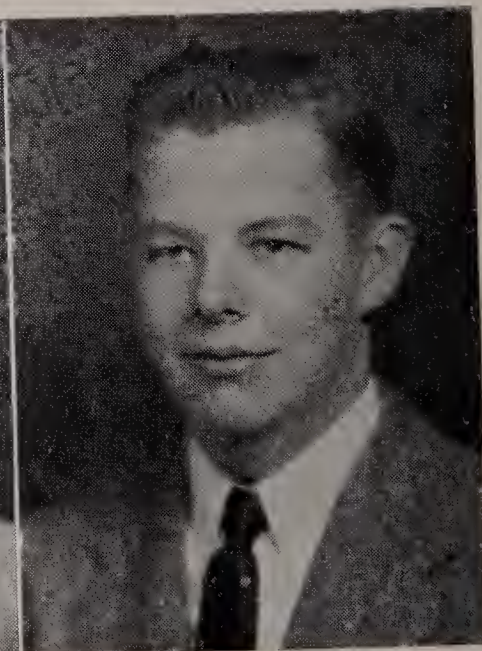
HELEN MERITHEW

Helen works as a receptionist in a doctor's office, and plans to follow this career in the future. During her years at R. H. S. she has played in a comedy "Trying Them Out" given by the Stenography III class and has sung with the A Cappella Choir, "Penny", taking the secretarial course, likes typing very well; also likes drawing girls' faces and learning new dance steps. Helen teaches ballroom dancing in Boston.



MELVIN MERRILL

"Mel" is that very tall, likable fellow who played end on the football team for three years; he also includes skating and skiing among his accomplishments. He takes shop and likes it better than any other school work. "Mel" has been a member of Hi-Y. He is one of the many fellows who doesn't like conceited girls. It's easy to understand why. After graduation he plans to join the Marines. Good luck, "Mel."



RAYMOND MERRITT

"Rasty" has taken a mixed course, mostly college subjects. He seems to excel in study and lunch. Don't we all? Particularly interested in sports, "Rasty" has been a prominent member of the football, basketball, and baseball teams. Stormy weather pleases him if it means no school. "Rasty" says he's lazy and hates to get up in the morning. He also finds the detention room unappealing after 2:30.



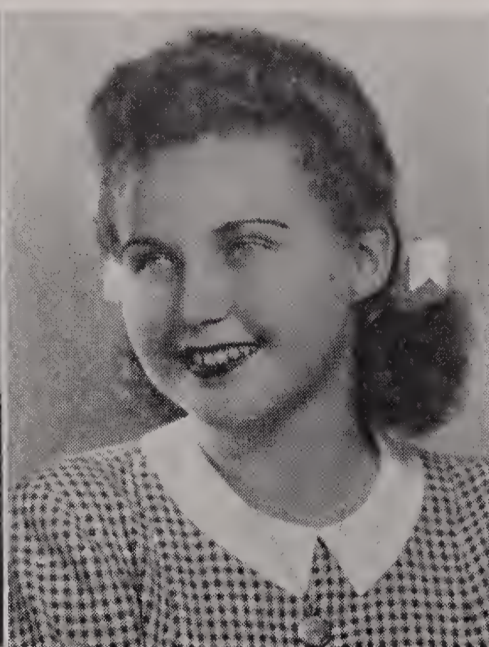
EDITH MEUSE

If she has a pleasant smile on her face, it's Edie. We have noticed Edie happily trotting into A Capella Choir. Besides Chem, Choir has been her favorite class. Edie has an active interest in outdoor sports, both summer and winter, and in playing the piano. After school hours, Edie has been working at the Sylvania Electric Co., but after graduation, Uncle Sam will be welcoming her as one of his Cadet Nurses.



RUTH MILTON

A smile that dazzles is Ruthie's. She is a member of the business group. She has been an active member of the Tri-Hi-Y and has also been a member of the Junior Women's Club. Ruth has also played in the girls' drum corps. Among her hobbies she rates skating as her favorite. She claims that typing is her favorite subject.



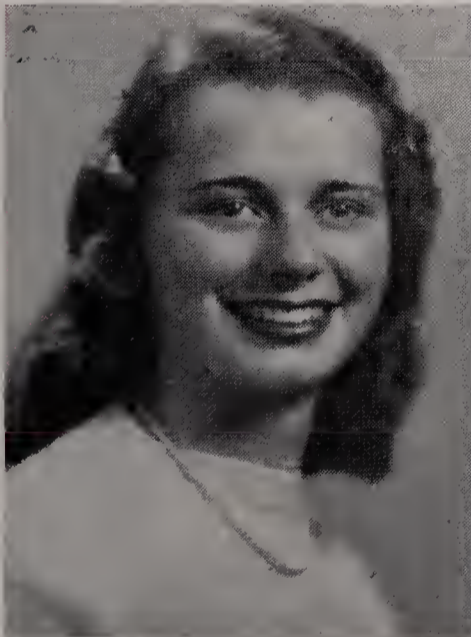
VIRGINIA MORSS

"Ginny" is a cheerful, ambitious girl who has taken the college course in preparation for Lasalle Junior College next year. We shall remember her as Judy in the senior play. Ginny has been on the literary department of the Pioneer staff. She has been treasurer of Junior Woman's Club, and Worthy Advisor of Rainbow. We think Ginny well deserved Class Honors.



ELEANOR ANN MUNROE

"Ellie" left Reading a few years ago, but she wanted to graduate with us, so she returned to R. H. S. for her senior year. She has taken the college course, but says that her plans for the future are as yet indefinite. English is her best subject. Ellie is a very athletic girl. She likes basketball and swimming very much. It is good to have her back with us.



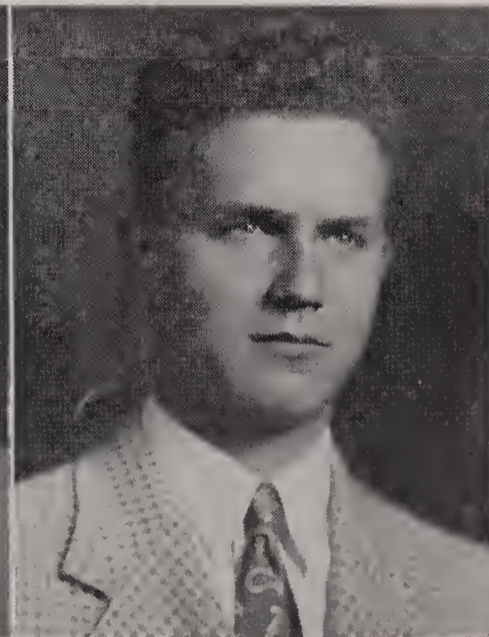
SHIRLEY MYOTT

"Shirl" is the tall good looking brunette who is interested in No. 44 on Stoneham's hockey team. She has ably served as President of the Junior Woman's Club and during football season was one of our program girls. Shirl's favorite subject, chemistry, is right in line with her future plans which include Colby Junior College, nursing, and then—well, who can tell?



ROBERT NEAGLE

"Bobbie" is one of the outstanding athletes in our class. He has played baseball, football, and basketball. A good-natured, easy-going fellow, Bobbie doesn't care much for studying. He worked in between sports seasons at the First National. He can be seen almost any time with the fellows in Torre's or just outside. Not sure just what he will do after graduation, Bobbie hopes to join the Navy. We wish him lots of luck.



ROBERT NELSON

"Bob" has taken the practical arts course and says he likes shop and lunch period better than any other classes. Bob particularly dislikes homeroom period and women. Outside of school activities he does a lot of hunting and horseback riding. We understand he builds handsome wooden models. Having already enlisted in the Army Air Corps, Bob will probably go soon. We wish him lots of luck.



DWIGHT NEWMAN

Dwight has taken a general course and likes chemistry. Working on his large farm on North Main Street has kept him busy during high school years. This year he has been Master Counselor of DeMolay. We know that a pretty girl from up North also takes a lot of Dwight's time and interest. He finds all sorts of red tape very annoying, which is understandable. Dwight hopes to go into farm work or the Merchant Marine after graduation.



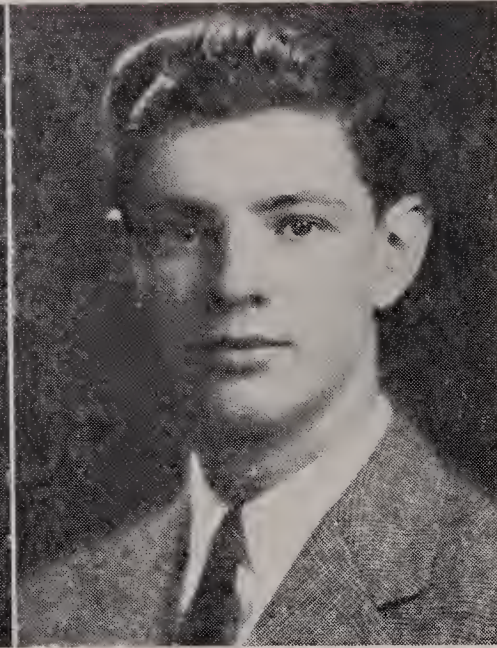
DANIEL NORWOOD

"Danny" won the Ingersoll Award this year for being the outstanding player on the team which he captained. He has taken the college course and plans to enter Brown University soon. Danny has worked on dance committees, on the Student Council, and as a representative in the Athletic Association. He has been a member of Hi-Y, and a Junior Rotarian. Since the football season ended, Danny has worked in Charles'.



GERALD OWEN

Presenting Jerry, that tall lanky lad with the curly hair who is actively interested in the Shop course. "Shorty's" interests center mainly around skating, tinkering with old cars, DeMolay, and Shop. He declares his pet peeves are English and History teachers! I wonder why? After graduation, we'll probably find Jerry either in the Air Corps or the Seabees, for he is another of our class that will be joining up.



EUGENE PENDERGAST

"Bill" is well-known around these parts as a dancer. In recent months he has spent much of his time in Stoneham, so Reading hasn't seen him as often as in the past. Bill took a general course in R. H. S. and wasn't very keen on studying. Who can blame him? He was a member of DeMolay and has worked for a long time at a service station on South Main Street. Bill left us shortly after mid-year's for the Navy. We wish him lots of luck.



CONSTANCE PETERSON

Connie has diligently followed the nursing course in high school for she wants to train for nursing after she gets through here. Connie says she particularly liked French class. How can that be? She likes to skate and has a large stamp collection. If you sit near Connie in study, for goodness sakes be quiet. She finds interruptions very annoying.



RICHARD E. PIERCY

"Butch" doesn't particularly care for any school work, with the exception of shop periods and lunch. Like many other fellows from North Reading, he enjoys all outdoor activities, especially hunting, fishing, and riding. Butch finds the cigarette shortage very trying, and he has no use for conceited girls. With no definite plans for the future, he is going to take whatever comes along. Something's bound to turn up, Butch.



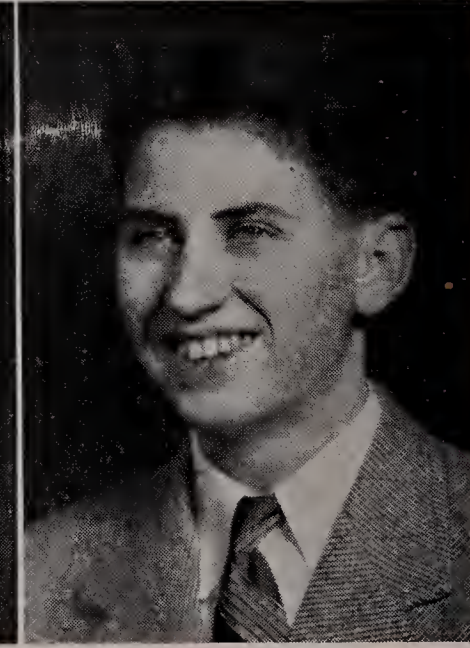
RUSSELL POLLITZ

"Russ" is a tall, quiet fellow who is the best tennis player in R. H. S. and one of the best in the town of Reading. He has taken the college course and says he likes French and U. S. History as well as any classes. Russ is interested in surveying and has had a job as a rod-man. He has been a member of the Band for three years and was in the senior play. Russ hopes to go to Stanford University.



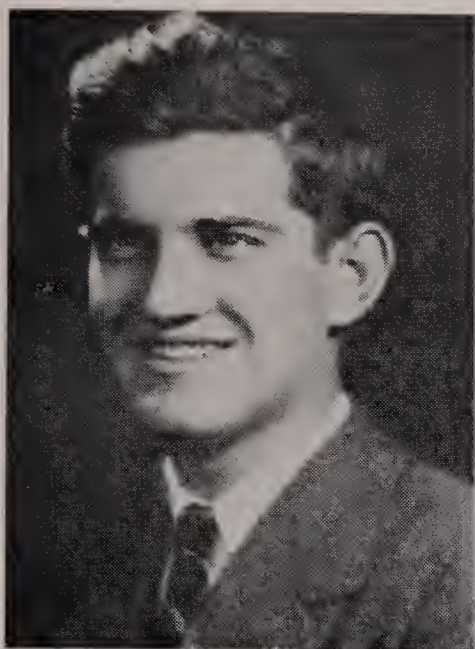
NANCY POMEROY

"Nan" comes to us from North Reading. She is a very pretty girl who is as sweet as she looks. "Nan" has taken the commercial course in R. H. S. After graduation she plans to join the Cadet Nurse Corps. She likes sports, particularly swimming and skiing. Nan does a lot of nice knitting in her spare time. Nosey people are very annoying to her, as they are to most of us. We consider Dwight a very lucky fellow.



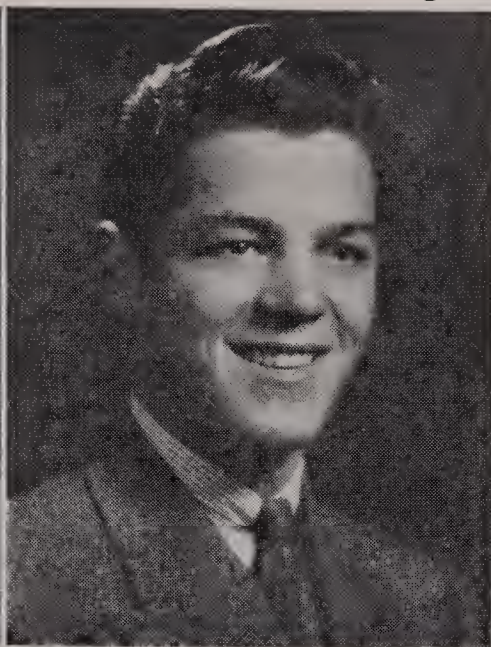
CHARLES POWER

"Charlie" has taken an irregular course in High School. He seems to be quite scientific, for he likes physics very much and works with radios in his spare time. He works on a farm up North when not in school. Charlie is a member of Hi-Y. He says he doesn't know what he wants to be after he finishes school. What do you bet he is a farmer someday?



WILSON POWERS

When two chairs are required to support a tired overworked member of the senior class, you can wager that individual is our own "Willy." Although "Willy" refuses to discuss his pension, he frankly admits he's retired for life. However, when Uncle Sam calls this spring, Wilson will be found below deck applying his three years of the general course, where his interest clung to chemistry with Mr. Pope.



ARTHUR PROCTOR

"Art" comes from the wild North where he spends a lot of time hunting and fishing. He has taken the shop course in High School but doesn't seem to like any subject except lunch. Art plays hockey and football outside of school and works part time at B. B. Chemical Plant in South Middleton. He finds the cigarette shortage very bothersome. Good luck to you in the Navy, Art!



NORMA KATHRYN RAYMOND

"Chubbie" is a good-natured and ambitious girl who has spent only her senior year at R. H. S. Besides taking the commercial course in school, she works as a soda clerk in Lord's Restaurant in Boston. Chubbie plays basketball, is a member of the Junior Woman's Club, and is in the Civil Air Patrol. Norma is particularly interested in drawing and painting and plans to become a cartoonist.



PATRICIA RIESSLE

Pat has taken the Secretarial course and particularly likes shorthand. She has been a member of the Pioneer staff and secretary of our class, Junior Year. She worked hard as one of the program sellers at the football games. Miss Drury kept Pat busy this year, doing her secretarial work. Pat is a member of Tri-Hi-Y and Junior Woman's Club. After graduation Pat wants to go to work and speaks of getting married someday.



DONALD K. ROBERTS

Three years of the scientific course have given "Don" a great deal of knowledge without which he could never have been able to string up those invisible wires in the boys' locker room. Don some day hopes to acquire his own ammunition plant, so that he will have no trouble when his "sabotage symptoms" become aroused. Although this fellow is fond of watching sports, he is definitely irked by the female populace.



KENNETH ROBERTS

Ken is the Salutatorian of our class. Ken has taken the Scientific Course and hopes to enter M. I. T. as soon as possible. Among his hobbies are sailing, woodworking, and clock repairing. Ken has taken part in our forums, is the assistant editor of Pioneer Staff, a Hi-Y member, a member of DeMolay, assistant editor of the Chronicle column, and a traffic leader. He is looking forward to being a mechanical engineer.



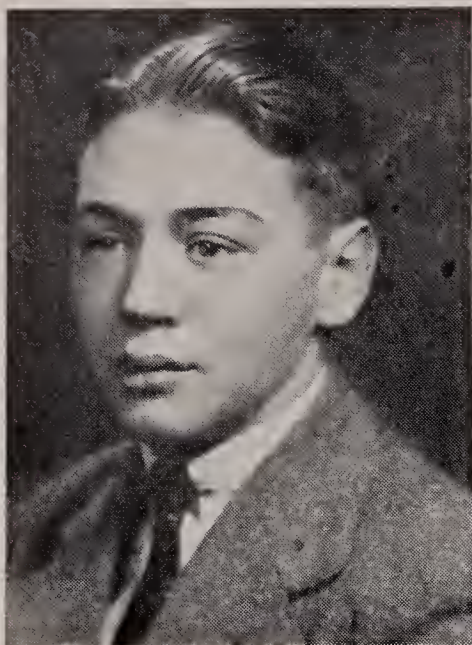
MILDRED ROBERTS

"Millie" is a quiet girl, but is a favorite among her friends because of her personality. She will make some employer a wonderful stenographer, as she shows signs of being one of the best in her field. She took the Secretarial Course. Sports of all kinds are her favorite recreation. Perhaps she'll give up stenography some day and live on a farm where she can get her fill of outdoor life.



DAVID FRANKLIN ROLLINS

Dave is that lad who is still trying to find a comfortable place to sleep. He vows it can't be found. After two years of the Stenographic Course, Dave changed to the College Course. During his High School years, Dave has kept himself busy by being on the Track Team, in the A Cappella Choir, and our Sophomore Vice-President.



ROBERT RYER

"Bob" is a quiet fellow who came to R. H. S. from North Reading. He has taken the practical arts course and likes shop work. Bob can often be seen driving by in an oil truck. After graduation he hopes to join the Navy. Good luck to our class baby.



DONNA SHULKEY

"Shorty" has taken the college course and, after taking four months P. G. next year, she plans to join the Cadet Nurse Corps. Donna likes chemistry and music appreciation, but her special interests are dancing and Merrick's Drug Store. She has been on dance committees in high school and is a member of the Junior Woman's Club. "Shorty" is an enthusiastic sewer and knitter. She likes to sleep after 8:15 a. m.



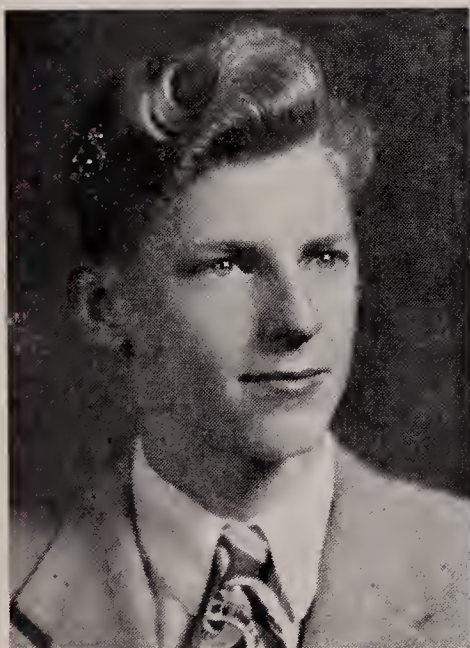
EDITH MARGORIE SMITH

Edith is one of the more serious and stable-minded of the class of '45. Her interests in school have centered in sports, basketball in particular; and we have heard that algebra has been her favorite study! Outside of school, she has been active in church activities; because, although she has followed the general course while in school, she hopes to delve into the noble work of a missionary in the future.



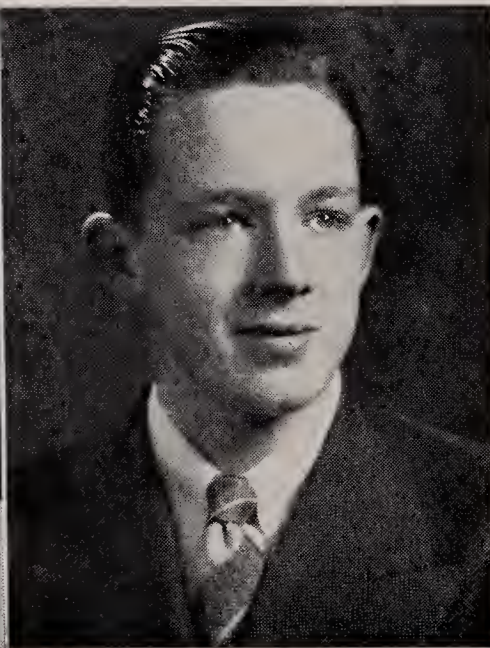
F. BLANCHE STALLIDAY

Blanche is that very efficient young woman who is kept busy with her many and varied occupations. Tri-Hi-Y, Junior Woman's Club, Secretary to Miss Kling, Pioneer Staff, and the Senior Play are a few of them. Her pet peeves center mostly around conceited people and home work. Blanche was chosen by the teachers for faculty honors, which she justly deserved. She plans to go to the Pierce Secretarial School after graduation, and then on to work.



RAPHNEL STAPLES

Rah is a great lover of art and sports. His recreation takes in everything, but he prefers skating and bowling. His favorite subject is biology, and believe it or not, he has no pet peeves. Homework is just another thing, and although he is not brilliant, his having got through school is of no mystery to anyone. Ralph's next jump is the Navy.



FRANCIS ST. HILAIRE

"Frannie" is the fellow that roars around town in that beautiful two-toned Pontiac. He has taken a general course, but isn't enthusiastic about any part of studying. Frannie has been a member of Hi-Y. He has kept the band in step for two years. He has been a member of the Cross Country team, played football, and skied. He isn't certain about the future, but will probably join the Navy Air Corps. Good luck, Frannie.



MURIEL STILES

"Moe", while following the college course, has been one of our talented artists who have so willingly and ably served us. Next year she plans to go to Mass. Art School. Besides being a member of Junior Woman's Club and Tri-Hi-Y, "Moe" has been one of our cute program girls — on the job at every game. Muriel's interests outside of school center around schoolboy hockey games in a neighboring town of ours.



DONALD SULLIVAN

"Sully" is a sharp fella who likes to wear pegged pants and who is well known for his smooth dancing. After watching "Sul," most of us feel like moving sticks when we dance. The commercial course was Sully's choice in high school. Art class was what interested him most. He has no sympathy for Sinatra swooners, girls, but then, most fellas don't like Sinatra!



DOROTHY SULLIVAN

Here's "Sully", another of our "Sylvania Girls." We all know Dot from her basketball record. Still she finds time for bowling, horseback riding, swimming, skating, and collecting foreign coins. Slacks and high heels, and the girls who constantly have their hair done up in kerchiefs are the first two on "Sully's" black list. After graduation "Sully" plans to enter the service as a Wave.



LORRAINE SURETTE

"Lorry" is the girl who has been typing during her spare time for Coach Reinhalter. She is taking the commercial course, and she has been a member of the A Cappella Choir. Her favorite sports are skiing and bowling. Her hobby is collecting records. She rates typing as her favorite subject. "Lorry's" pet peeve is getting up early and she is definitely not a lover of tests and homework.



RUTH ALICE SURETTE

Ruthie has completed the Commercial course here at R. H. S. and plans to go to work after graduation. At present, she works at Sylvania. She enjoys dancing and attending movies regularly. She collects records and clippings on the football games. Lunch and study are her favorite classes. Exams, homework, onions, and getting up early seem to be the dislikes of this particular lass.



ELLEN TANNER

Ellen is a girl with inexhaustible vitality, who is always in search of a "general good time". Tri-Hi-Y, the A. A., Junior Woman's Club, Basketball and Dance Committees are just a few of the things that have kept her busy during her high school years. Ellen did a grand job as head cheerleader of the "Rockettes" last season. She has completed the college course, and her future is in the direction of more school or work.



RALPH TARPIN

"Tarp" has taken the general course and finds study and music appreciation the most enjoyable of his classes. Outside of school he is interested in mechanics. Repairing auto engines and fooling around with motor boats takes a lot of his time. Hide your cigarettes when you see him coming, girls, for "Tarp" doesn't approve of girls smoking. After graduation "Tarp" plans to join the Marine Corps.



PHILIPS TAYLOR

"Phil" is a tall fellow with an unusual sense of humor. Coming from North Reading, it isn't at all strange that one of his hobbies is farming. He has taken the college course and says he likes U. S. History. Phil spends a lot of time working with machines and collecting antiques. He speaks in a disgusted tone of girls who wear short skirts. He plans to join the U.S.C.G.R. Good luck, Phil.



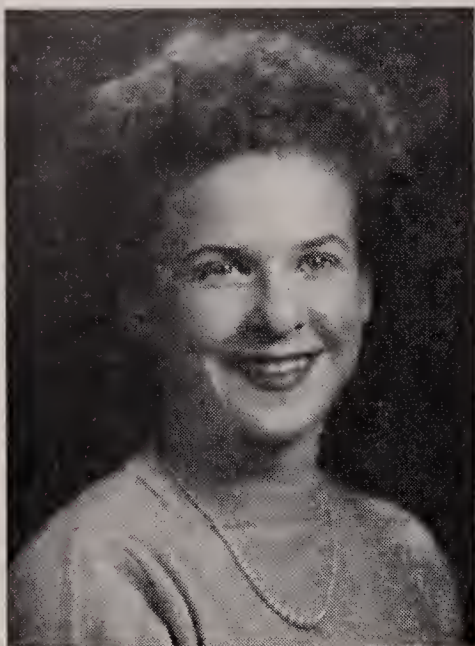
MARIE THEODOROU

Marie is the envy of many a girl because of her naturally curly hair. She has both a pleasing personality and a pleasant smile. She is taking the general business course. Marie has been an active member of many dance committees. Her interests outside of school range from dancing to horseback riding. After graduation, she plans to enter the Cadet Nurse Corps.



ROBERT H. THOMAS

Bob has taken the general course in R. H. S. He has been a great addition to his U. S. History course, and he likes Physics. Bob has a knack for setting up and running moving picture projectors. He is a member of DeMolay and likes playing hockey at Birch Meadow. That gay music, the polka, seems to be singularly unappealing to Bob. His hobby of collecting coins may make him quite rich someday. Bob plans to leave soon for the Army Air Corps where he hopes to be a gunner.



MARIE TITCOMB

Marie hails from up North Reading way. She was a member of the cheerleading squad last season. Marie is taking the general course. Her hobbies, knitting and sewing, prove that she is ready for her future as housewife after graduation. Marie's heart is all wrapped up in the U.S.C.G. She has been a member of the A Cappella Choir and the Student Council. Her pet peeve is to be kept waiting when she is in a hurry.



GLORIA TOUSSAINT

"Two-Cent" is that laughing miss who is always borrowing pencils—and then losing them. She is taking a commercial course and plans to be a telephone operator. A lover of good music, Gloria is a member of the Girl's Glee Club, which is her favorite class along with English and lunch. "Two-Cent" loves to go to the movies, and people who think they are better than anyone else irritate her.



ELEANOR WALLACE

"Ellie," our cute, popular Rockette of the secretarial course, likes shorthand, and is getting experience for a job next year, by serving as Mrs. Woodberry's secretary. A member of A Cappella Choir, Tri-Hi-Y, Pioneer Staff, and Athletic Association, she finds time for basketball, cheer leading, and stenography class plays. She collects and studies fashion magazines, and knows what the well-dressed Junior Miss should wear.



JOHN FRANCIS WALSH

John is from the wilds of North Reading. Mr. Pitkin's United States history class is Johnny's favorite subject in his college course. Outside of school he has been working at the B. B. Chemical Company. Hockey and swimming are his favorite sports, and like the rest of us, he is always ready to enjoy a good movie. He claims that waiting in line at lunch time is his pet peeve. Next year will find him in the Merchant Marine. Good luck, Johnny.



JOHN WATSON

"Butch" is known as one of the "quiet" members of this year's graduating class. He has taken the Shop course, and firmly states that Math is his favorite subject. Along with a huge number of others, "Butch" detests homework. Mechanics occupy a large part of his time, and after graduation he plans to become a mechanic in the Army Air Corps.



JEAN WELLINGS

Jean is the happy-go-lucky girl in Room D. She is taking the commercial course. After graduation, she plans to take a course in buying and selling. Outside of school, she is a very active individual, her interests being dancing, bowling, skating, and swimming. Jean is an enthusiastic collector of records. She, too, enjoys the peaceful atmosphere of the 5th lunch period. Her pet peeves are homework and tests.



PHYLLIS WHEELER

Phyllis is our friendly girl from up North. During her three years at R. H. S., she has been taking a mixed course. After graduation she plans to go to work. She has been doing defense work at Sylvania afternoons. Phil is a very active girl outside of school; her interests include skating, swimming, dancing, and bowling. Her favorite class is Type. Show-offs are definitely on her black list.



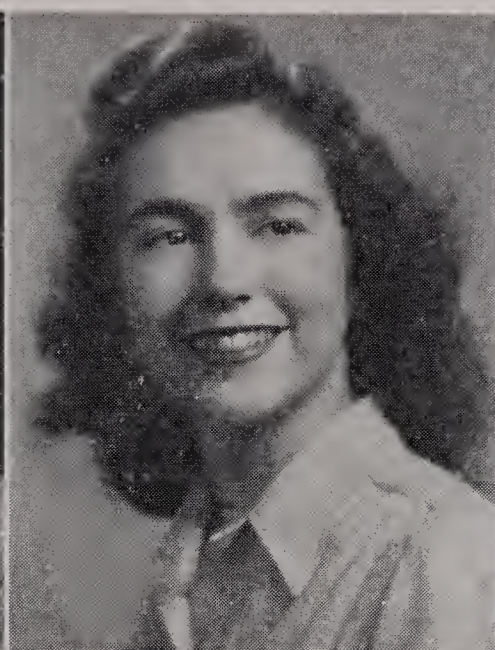
ARTHUR WHITE

"Art-a" is the curly headed, good-natured fellow who will be remembered for his outstanding playing in football, baseball, and basketball. He has followed the college course and found second period study (Tues., Thurs., and Fri.) to be his favorite periods. He was secretary and treasurer of the Athletic Association during his Senior year. Uncle Sam will claim "Art-a" next year for the Navy.



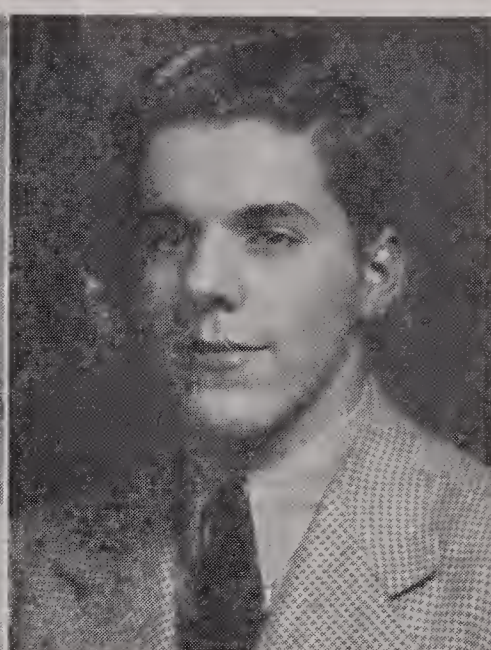
GEORGE WHITE

George is our piano virtuoso. He has played in the band, orchestra, and has sung in the choir, and accompanied it. He plays in a band outside of school. George has taken the college course; but isn't crazy about any studying. He likes sports, gum chewing, baseball, and hockey. About the future, George isn't sure. Probably he will join some branch of the service.



JACQUELINE WHITE

Jackie is a pretty little brunette who has been one of the outstanding dancers in our class. Along with the Secretarial Course, Jackie has been on dance committees, the Pioneer staff, and a representative in the Athletic Association. Besides dancing she likes to swim, and even likes English, Shorthand, and Sully. How does Sully mix with English, Jackie? Jackie has a sharp eye for good-looking boy's clothes.



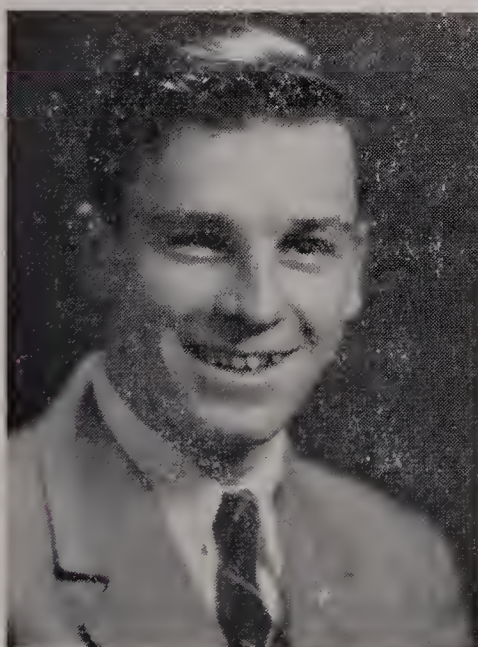
JAMES WHITE

Jimmie's interests lie mostly out of school. He particularly likes skating, swimming, movies, and dancing. One is likely to see Jimmy sitting in Torre's most any time. He is interested in art. He likes lunch, too. Jimmy has played baseball and basketball while in high school. Fickle girls seem to be his strongest dislike. Jimmy hopes to join the Army Signal Corps. Good luck to you, Jim.



MARY WHITE

Mary is taking the College Course and plans someday to be a secretary. She has been an active member of the Tri-Hi-Y, Junior Woman's Club and several dance committees. Even on the coldest days Mary was there in her red and black outfit selling football programs. Mary's outside interests include Torre's and the Stoneham hockey team. Mary always has a happy smile for everyone.



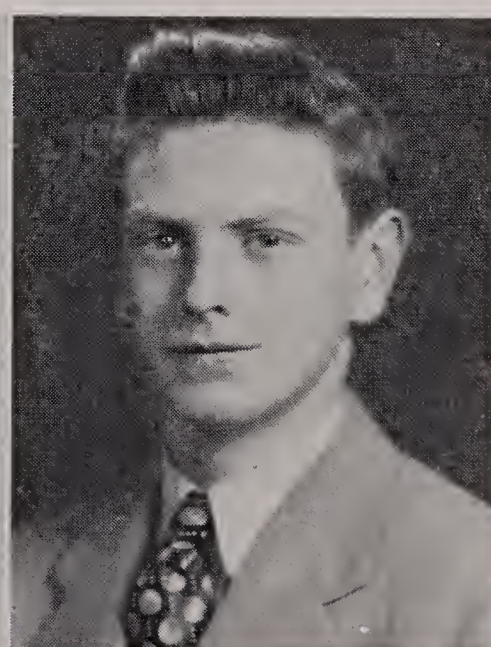
DANA WILLIAMS

Dana has been the busiest young man around R. H. S. for the past three years. He has been president of the Hi-Y and business manager of the Pioneer. Dana has taken the college course, and after helping Uncle Sam for the duration and six months he plans to become a doctor. He has a fine voice and has been a member of the A Cappella Choir for two years. Dana is interested in hockey, gardening, and collecting stamps. His favorite classes are English and Spanish.



MARGARET ANN WILLIAMS

Peg has taken the commercial course. She hopes to become a nurse after finishing school. She is particularly interested in sports, especially skating, dancing, swimming, and skiing. In school she finds biology with Miss Zimmermann very interesting. Dancing, going to the movies, and swooning over Frank Sinatra take a lot of her time. Peg's main ambition is to become a good nurse. We wish her great success.



THOMAS WILSHIRE

The Merchant Marine will probably have claimed Tom by now. How can we ever forget how he helped us through the struggle of our red ration points in the First National? Hockey and swimming are his favorite sports, and often have we seen him at the "cinema" thoroughly enjoying Hedy LaMarr. Besides these interests, Red is a very active member of the Athletic Association. His pet peeve is the Debutantes that run around Reading High and Torre's.



VIRGINIA WRIGHT

"Ginnie" is one of our petite co-eds who always has a smile and a good word for everyone. She has participated in basketball, the drum corps, and has belonged to the Athletic Association. She has also served on dance committees. Ginnie loves to dance and is popular on the dance floor. She is also an ardent bowler and swimmer. "Gin" has completed the secretarial course this year and will put her knowledge to good advantage when she starts work next year.



ELMER YOUNG

Elmer has been noted for his tenor voice, which has recently become definitely bass. Elmer has been an active member of the school, having spent two years in A Cappella Choir, three years in band, two years in glee club, and two years in Hi-Y, in which he has been chaplain. He has been an excellent traffic leader. "Reverend" is so nicknamed (secretly) because of his self-evident ambition. We think he will make a good minister.



OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

RICHARD AHEARN

WALTER ARSENAULT

ROBERT BATCHELDER

DONALD BROCK

ELBRIDGE CORLISS

EUGENE COURTEMANCHE

WILLIAM DEFERRARI

CHARLES DOUCETTE

JAMES DOUCETTE

NELSON DOUCETTE

WILLIAM ENOS

RICHARD EVANS

ROBERT HARRINGTON

LLOYD HARRISON

WARREN HUDSON

KENNETH JOHNSON

LEO KELLY

MARTIN LAPPIN

FRANK LEACH

ROBERT LEVASSEUR

DOUGLAS MACLEOD

HERBERT MAINE

RICHARD MCINTIRE

FRANK MCQUESTION

HENRY MEUSE

RALPH MONEGAN

WILLIAM MORRISON

FRANKLIN MUNNIS

ROBERT NICHOLSON

KENDALL PARKER

WILLIAM PENDERGAST

WILSON POWERS

RICHARD SARCONE

NORMAN SINGER

RALPH SMITH

HERBERT STIMPSON

RICHARD THORNTON

STEWART WEYMOUTH

DANA WILLIAMS

SENIOR ACTIVITIES



GRADUATION PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

RAISING OF FLAG AND PLAYING OF COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President, Marilyn L. Gunn

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Key — Smith

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

PRAYER

Rev. Charles F. Lancaster

SALUTATORY

THE TIME IS NOW

Kenneth Philip Roberts

TORCH ORATION, Thank You for the Memories

Marilyn L. Gunn, Class President

ESSAY, Not by Bread Alone

Barbara Mae Johnson, Faculty Honors

ESSAY, Youth, Get One Foot in the Door!

Virginia Blanchard Morss, Class Honors

GOD IN NATURE

Beethoven

AN EVENING'S PASTORALE

Shaw

A Cappella Choir

ESSAY, The Miracle Wrought by the Typewriter

F. Blanche Stalliday, Faculty Honors

ESSAY, What Makes America Tick?

Margaret T. Lyons, Class Honors

VALEDICTORY

THE WATCHWORD

Paul Lesure

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CERTIFICATION OF CLASS

ACCEPTANCE OF CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Dr. Elbridge C. Grover, Superintendent of Schools

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Irving C. Austin, Chairman of School Board

AMERICA

Smith — Carey

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

BENEDICTION

Rev. Charles F. Lancaster

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

WE BEQUEATH

CLASS WILL

We, the Class of 1945 of Reading High School, being in full and complete possession of our mental faculties, such as they are, do hereby make and declare valid the following testament, to be solemnly respected and obeyed in accordance with the exact terms inscribed herein.

Be it understood that we, after due deliberation and thoughtful consideration, officially bequeath the following:

ARTICLE I

To the faculty:

To Miss Drury we leave this pair of earmuffs so that her eardrums will not be injured by the broadcasts.

To Miss Burns and Mr. Sussmann we would like to leave two pairs of automatic glasses, but because of the war they are not in production.

To "Woody", our art teacher, we leave this wig so that she won't have to tear out her own hair worrying over her little chicks.

To Mr. Pitkin, who has coins that "jingle jangle jingle", we present this pair of pocketless pants.

This box of Smith Brothers coughdrops we leave to Miss Kling to relieve her from her hacking.

To Mr. Pope, our ardent fisherman, we bequeath this fishing pole to be used on his annual fishing trips, to help him land some as big as those that got away.

To "Muscles" Rinehalter we leave this pair of cotton batting biceps.

ARTICLE II

To the undergraduates:

To "Didge" and the boys we leave the record of Danny and the team of 1944.

To Rita Lorgeree we leave Paul Lesure.

To the future generations of Reading a new high school—with an elevator.

To David Dooley we leave another rattle for his car.

We leave to the fifth and sixth lunch period a fireman's pole extending from the third floor to the basement.

To Room C we bequeath an inexhaustible supply of blotters.

To Charlie Powers, bobby pins and wave set to keep his beautiful wave in place.

ARTICLE III

To individual members of the class:

To Ned Bloom we leave a cast-iron nose to preserve that beautiful profile in future football games.

We leave a priority to Pat Riessle for a pair of field glasses so she can keep her eye on the fruit store.

To Dick Brennan, a chaise longue in the detention room.

To Ginny Morss we leave a leading role on the Lux Radio Theater program.

To "Stretch" Merrill a book on how to grow.

To "Bluebeard" Brooks we leave this shaving kit.

To Doris Bain and Marie Titcomb, Wedding Bells.

To Bob Mathieson we leave a new alibi for being late.

To Doris Anderson and certain members of the senior class, the Royal Navy, on Lend-Lease terms.

To George White and Larry Colford we present this book, "How to Overcome Bashfulness."

To Dolly Conron we leave this new jeweled comb for the back of her hair.

ARTICLE IV

Certain members of the class bequeath a few priceless and intangible gifts:

Melvin Lane leaves his silence to be used by Eddie Conron.

We leave Jimmy Emery's personality to the Junior Class.

"Sis" Gunn leaves her voice to whoever can find it.

We, invested with absolute authority, do now sign this document with legal pen in hand, in the presence of no one; moreover we assert, maintain, and declare this to be altogether irrevocable under all circumstances, past, present, future; and furthermore, we in performance of our final duty do now affix our signatures.



*Myriel Stiles
Elmer Young
Raymond Davies
Elizabeth Jigerjian*

CRYSTAL GAZING



CLASS PROPHECY

THE READING BUGLE GOES TO PRESS

Your reporter recently attended the fifteenth annual reunion of the illustrious class of '45 held in the brand new high school. One of the first to arrive was Coach *Ned Bloom*, who, being a member of the high school faculty, was right on the spot. We found him talking to *Doris Anderson*, chief librarian, *Gladdy Carter*, the physical ed teacher, and *Julie Eastman*, art teacher. Reading considers itself fortunate to have so many teachers from the old home town. *Robert Mathieson* just left to accept a position as chemistry teacher in Newton.

The next group I came to consisted of several happily married matrons who were discussing everything from the current servant problem to formulas and kindergartens. I immediately recognized Mrs. Kevin Desmond, née *Doris Bain*, Mrs. Richard Bruns, née *Bertha Corliss*, Mrs. Bill Deferrari, née *Pat Kiessle*, and Mrs. Douglas Brown, née *Dot Sullivan*. Talking with them were the former *Helen Merithew*, *Betty Brown*, *Marie Titcomb*, *Donna Shulkey*, and *Mary White*, who are also married and live out of town. Some of them came from such distant states as Texas, California and Florida.

A little later I found another group of old married women, *Ellen Tanner*, who also runs a home for aged R. H. S. cheerleaders, *Eleanore McKenna*, *Lena Lucci*, and *Ruth Milton*.

Hearing a familiar voice, I turned out the door where there were several smart looking nurses. *Sis Gunn* was one of them, as exuberant as ever. Looking very chic in her Navy nurses' uniform was *Bev Brooks*, and the other trim looking girls were *Sylvia Batchelder*, *Sis McLean*, and *Thelma Libbey*, *Grace Lander* and *Mary Collins*. Another member of the medical profession, *Dr. Dana Williams*, was talking to his old friends, *Reverend Elmer Young*, *Martin Lappin*, chemical engineer, *Paul Lesure*, an executive of the International Engineering Instruments Company, and *Kenneth Roberts*, marine architect.

The local business men and women were by now arriving in a bunch. As I looked over the guest register I noticed that *Dick Brennan* had registered only as business man. He, as we all know, owns the biggest and best combination drug and candy store. We think he got the idea from a certain favorite establishment of the high school gang fifteen years ago. *Dave Fisher* is registered as a department store owner, and *Jimmy Currell* is following in his father's footsteps. We hear he is enlarging the business every day. *Lucille Dewey*, I noticed, now owns a riding stable as a sideline. *Phil Taylor*, *Ernie Babcock*, and *Ralph Tarpin* are partners in a chain of automotive agencies. *Beverly Dalton* is registered as a private secretary, and going down the list we notice four more secretaries: *Dorothy Gonzalo*, *Edith Meuse*, *Pauline Blake*, and *Eleanor Horton*, who is now the secretary of *Dr. Barbara Hutchins*, obstetrician. *Jacky Keeffe* is the personnel manager of the big new department store.

The banquet was held at seven, and who should be sitting at the same table that I was but *Barb Flint* and *Ellie Hatfield*, who own a tea shoppe. Barb is the hostess and Ellie takes care of the business end. *Bob Griffin* now owns the local men's clothing store and we hear it carries the best of everything. At the banquet table, letters of regret were read from the *Flater* twins, who are doing advertising work for a newspaper in California, *Kathryn Geary*, who is married and living out west, *Norma Raymond* and *Ginny Wright*, whose husbands just came home on leave. (They both married men who stayed in the Navy after the war). *Gloria Toussaint* said she was sorry but she is a very busy secretary of an interior dec-

orator in Montreal, and *Bob Thomas* couldn't come because he is a news commentator and has to broadcast every night. *Marie Theodorou*, K.N., is on an important case, and couldn't make it. An interesting letter from *Edith Smith* in China was read, telling of her missionary work there. *Charlie Meaige* is back down South and writes a sports column which keeps him too busy to travel. Sully sent a telegram saying he is married to his childhood sweetheart, living on a South Sea island, and turning out movie cartoons by the minute.

Right after the banquet some more out-of-state alumni arrived. From New York came *Stuart MacLeod*, clothes designer; *Dot Parshley*, a free-lance artist; *Virginia Morss* and *Elinor Martin*, who are now appearing in Broadway shows, and *Shirley Foster*, a newspaper reporter. She immediately started comparing notes with *Muriel Stiles*, who does advertising for a Boston newspaper. A little later four Washingtonians flew in with *Bob Batting*, vice-president of Eastern Airlines. They were *Preston Crowell*, Army Air Corps officer; *David Rollins*, Navy officer; and *Elizabeth Jigerjian*, who is employed as an interpreter. Next to me sat *Avis Knight*, who recently published the best-seller, *A Bush Grows in North Reading*. Speaking of the North Reading alumni, we inquired as to *Brooksy*, and found that he has a coast-to-coast air and land express agency. He says he sees *Dick Ford* in Chicago every week at Dick's meat-cutting shop in the big meat district. He even saw *Bobby Ryer* day before yesterday—doing truck farming outside Chicago. He says *Priscilla Fancy* is teaching piano and holding adult art classes in North Reading. Looking down the table, I saw blonde *Jeanne Fuller* in a white cap. Well, the medical profession is well represented, I thought, and just then in walked *Dr. Eleanor Nigro*, a dentist who specializes in Mickey Mouse movies for the kids while she works on their teeth.

Now came an all-star talent entertainment. *Ruth Billingham* offered an aria from *Lohengrin*, the opera in which she is appearing. *Larry Colford*, now playing "boogie" in New York's famous Tin-Pan Alley; *George White*, pianist, with a name band; and *Frannie St. Hilaire*, likewise, improvised an orchestra. *Barbara Johnson*, now appearing in Phil Spitalny's all girl orchestra, sat in. *Nelson Doucette* is a member of a vaudeville troupe now appearing at a N. Y. night club, but he wouldn't do an act without his team. *Irene Arthur* gave a stirring speech after which we passed the hat to get funds for her orphanage. *Helen Beck*, her business manager, collected the donations. Meanwhile *Albie Doucette* had been drawing cartoons of all the people present and we were amused by his portrayal of *Donald Bateman*, complete with a set of wings. Don is not deccased, you understand, but flies planes every day. After this *Lorraine Surette* did a beautiful number with her new dancing partner. We hear they're appearing at a Boston night club. *Anastasia Gavin* then gave a monologue. In another column of this paper there is a notice of her appearance at the Women's Club this week. Our former president called us to order again and *Bob Neagle* told us all about the work he and *Hank Leach* were doing at the Boston Boys' Club. We suspect quite a few checks were written out for such noble work. We hope none of them bounce.

The program being over, all gathered in groups again and your reporter heaved one hundred and eighty pounds out of his chair and back to the job of quizzing the class of '45 on their vocations.

Dolly Conron rolled up in her limousine, and when we couldn't resist asking whether she'd married the Prince of India, she replied that a rich relative had died, and now she was a lady of leisure, which was just what she had always wanted.

Ann Crouse was there (we hear she's a model for Lord and Taylor's) accompanied by her sister *Jean*, whose husband had lent her a plane for the trip to the re-union.

We noticed *Paul Chapman* had been sitting down all evening and when we asked him why he said he was the head mailman now and his truck had broken down today so he'd had to walk. *Annie Carney*, at the money-order window, says they really ought to have some new trucks, anyway.

I noticed a private conversation going on in the corner, and walked over to investigate. There was *Bill Fennelly*, *Butch Piercy*, *Arthur Proctor*, and *Mel Merrill*, all gabbing about shop, cabinet-making, metal-working, printing, and all that sort of thing. They all liked shop so much in high school they had made it their business.

Professor Margaret T. Lyons and *Professor Russell Pollitz* were discussing tennis techniques, so I didn't disturb them.

Arthur White and *Dan Norwood* came up and shook hands with me. Arthur, who is an executive of some sort, had his secretary, *Lorraine Brogan*, with him, taking notes. I wasn't sure whether he was a lawyer or a psychologist. Dan owns a chain of grocery stores we've noticed around here of late years. We always knew he had organizing ability.

Raymond Davies and *Dwight Newman* accompanied by his wife Nancy came in. We didn't even have to ask. "Gentleman farmer" stuck out all over Ray and Dwight. Just behind them was *Herbert Maine*, who is married and actitng as a guide in northern Maine (no pun intended).

Gerald Owen and *Tom Wilshire* own their own gas station, and while I was standing by a window collecting my wits and numerous notes, I saw them drive up in the new car they've invented. Tom says they've got it patented and *Melvyn Lane* is going to turn them out in his automobile factory. Speaking of inventors, *Donald Roberts* has just invented a secret formula for the F.B.I. and has returned from his intelligence job in Germany to perfect it.

Several comfortable looking business men were having their after-dinner cigars in the corner, so I stopped by to see who was who. *Alan Hodges*, good old A. H., took out snapshots of Junior, Susie, and the new arrival and showed them to me. He really started something! *Bob Heaton*, *Mike Fortier*, and *Ted D'Orlando* all thought their kids were wonderful too. After I'd spent about a half-hour praising their marvelous quiz-kid, I walked over to a group of smart-looking girls. They were

Mildred Roberts, Blanche Stalliday, and Eleanor Wallace, who live in Washington. Milly is a stenographer, and Blanche and Ellie are foreign secretaries. Ellie isn't Ellie Wallace any more, but uses her maiden name because it is already on the door of her office. Blanche and Milly say they're having lots of fun running a boarding house for bachelor girls. Lorraine Jehu, who edits an "advice to the lovelorn" column, was talking to her secretary, Phyllis Wheeler.

Finding myself talking to Rasty Merritt, who is a contractor, I asked him if he had seen any of the members of the class. "Why, yes," said Rasty, "Jimmy Emery is my private secretary now; I'd never be able to run my business without him. Jimmy White is doing free-lance art work in Boston. Dick Hagan liked the Coast Guard so well he stayed in after the war and is a commander now. John Watson is enlarging his farm; he just came to me for more lumber the other day, and Bill Pendergast has taken over his father's business."

"Gee, thanks, Rasty", I enthused in the popular vernacular. "I'd just about given up finding out what everybody was doing. This is almost as hard as writing the class prophecy."

Just then Cal Hughson, who has been selling refrigerators to the Eskimos, and Raphnel Staples, who arranges window displays for a Boston department store, came

up and asked if they could give me a ride home. I said I was afraid I couldn't leave right then as there were still some people I hadn't reported on. They promised to help me finish the job. I found Shirley Myott and discovered that she was married and was gaining a reputation as a short story writer; that Jean Wellings was married and living in Florida running a winter hotel; and that Margaret Williams has an exclusive dressmaking establishment in the old home town.

Cal came back and said he'd found out that Charlie Power is an electrical engineer and Robert Nelson is a selectman and owns a farm in North Reading. Ruth Surette is the manager of the local five-and-ten. We hear that she has been so energetic that the business is rapidly expanding. Connie Peterson and Eleanor Munroe have been her chief assistants in the business.

Raphnel said he'd just been talking to Willie Powers, who is running the World War II Veterans' Association. His job keeps him busy all the time.

My duties now being over, (and it was the most enjoyable evening in fifteen years), I went along home, after leaving my notes at the office of the *Daily Bugle* to be published.

Julia Eastman
Ned Bloom
Eleanor Nigro
Donald Bateman

PAST IMPERFECT

CLASS HISTORY

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Here we are — high school at last! Gee, it's funny. Two months before, we were tops — the all-high supreme ninth-graders, looked up to by all the seventh and eighth-graders. Now, it was all changed. We were the supreme, still, only now the supreme underdogs! Our light "hazing" was over after the first day, though, and we were members of the Senior High School.

That first day that we had to attend classes was the toughest we had experienced since our first at Junior High. The layout of the building was really simple to solve, but it's odd how every so often a sophomore would poke his head into the physics lab and say, "Sorry, I thought this was Room A." No kind soul ever thought to say, "It's back there." Oh no! Room A was suddenly changed to—"First floor, over on the girls' side." Only after many fine pairs of heels had been run over, nerves had been worn to a very thin fringe, and we had given ourselves over to Providence, did we find the room we were looking for.

The first day, we were all herded into the study hall (after being scared out of six months' growth by that

loudspeaker). Mr. Sussmann gave a talk, warning us as to the most essential rules to be obeyed. We didn't feel too bad after that talk; we were in, and we had been officially accepted.

Practically before we had our books, we were talking about whom to elect for our class officers. Before long, we had chosen James Hildreth for president and David Rollins for vice-president. These two lads were our northern neighbors' contribution — both from North Reading. Our secretary was Sylvia Batchelder, and our treasurer, Eleanor Nigro. Eleanor was voted to be our financial manager for three years.

We have a skeleton in our closet that we shall reveal for posterity. Our Sophomore Hop *wasn't THE* prominent social affair of the year. There was no band, and things didn't seem to come out so well as we had hoped. However, all sorrows were drowned in cokes at Torre's and soon forgotten as time flew on.

Suddenly . . . it's June, you say? No! Yes! It came before we really had expected it. Yet, it was here, and we had to face the prospect of advancing to our junior year.

David Rollins

JUNIOR YEAR

We thought we'd mastered everything and knew all the "why's" and "wherefore's"—hadn't we survived the bumps during our sophomore year? — But oh, how grossly mistaken we were! Once that superiority complex wore off, and we began to realize that this year would be far from a "snap", with plenty of barriers ahead of us, we settled down for a strenuous, but enjoyable (we hoped) year. That unfailing "do or die" spirit was ours, and so, we "dood" it.

Of course, (for how could we help ourselves) that beautiful autumn weather just simply carried us away, and we began building castles in the sky far beyond the limits of the classroom. But, unfortunately, that period passed on, and as colder weather came, we stuck strictly to our textbooks. (Didn't we?)

Elections brought Dick Ford, Danny Norwood, Pat Reissle, and Ellie Nigro as our class president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively.

By that time, the football team, under the expert coaching of Mr. Kent, was beginning to show some promise, with the hopes of a profitable season being quite possible. With the exception of that first game with Johnson, the boys played "heads-up" football. What setbacks they were handed resulted only after hard-fought contests. Danny Norwood, who played such a grand game at center, was deserving of and received the captaincy for the 1944 season.

Coach Kent did miracles with the boys who turned out for basketball, and by the mid-season mark they had developed into a fast-moving and tricky outfit. Because of inexperience for the most part, the team was at a handicap from the start, but their added enthusiasm practically made up for the former deficiency. The second game with Governor Dummer was really a thriller!

As spring rolled around, we all got that "feeling" again, but those scrap drives helped rid us of a little of that surplus energy.

The Junior Prom saw all of our lords and ladies of "sass-iety" go a-stepping out and having one grand time.

As the school year drew to a close, one and all could look back and truthfully say we'd spent a wonderful year. We looked forward to "taking over" that rank vacated by our elders of a year, and we hoped to carry on and set as fine an example as they had.

—And so it was "au revoir" until next year and "I'll be seein' you—I hope."

Russ Pollitz '45

SENIOR YEAR

Senior, senior, and oh, what a glorious ring to the ear! At last, can we have reached our goal? Our officers were

chosen in the spring of '44, and we started our year with Marilyn Gunn as president, Sylvia Batchelder as vice-president, Dorothy Parshley as secretary, and our faithful Eleanor Nigro as treasurer. (Note the man shortage).

We opened with a superb football season, chock full of senior surprises, such as Dave Fisher, Art White, and Bob Neagle—a star—his first year on the field. Our second event was the revival of Tri-Hi-Y, which had been badly neglected the first few months of school. With the help of Miss Nichols, new officers, and new members, it became active again. Mid-years, which were our next obstacle, caused much groaning; and never shall we forget U. S. history with its quizzes, movies, and all those "dramatic moments."

A number of our members participated this year in the forum programs conducted by Mr. Pitkin. The pupils gave excellent discussions of such topics as the Dumbarton Oaks plan and compulsory military training.

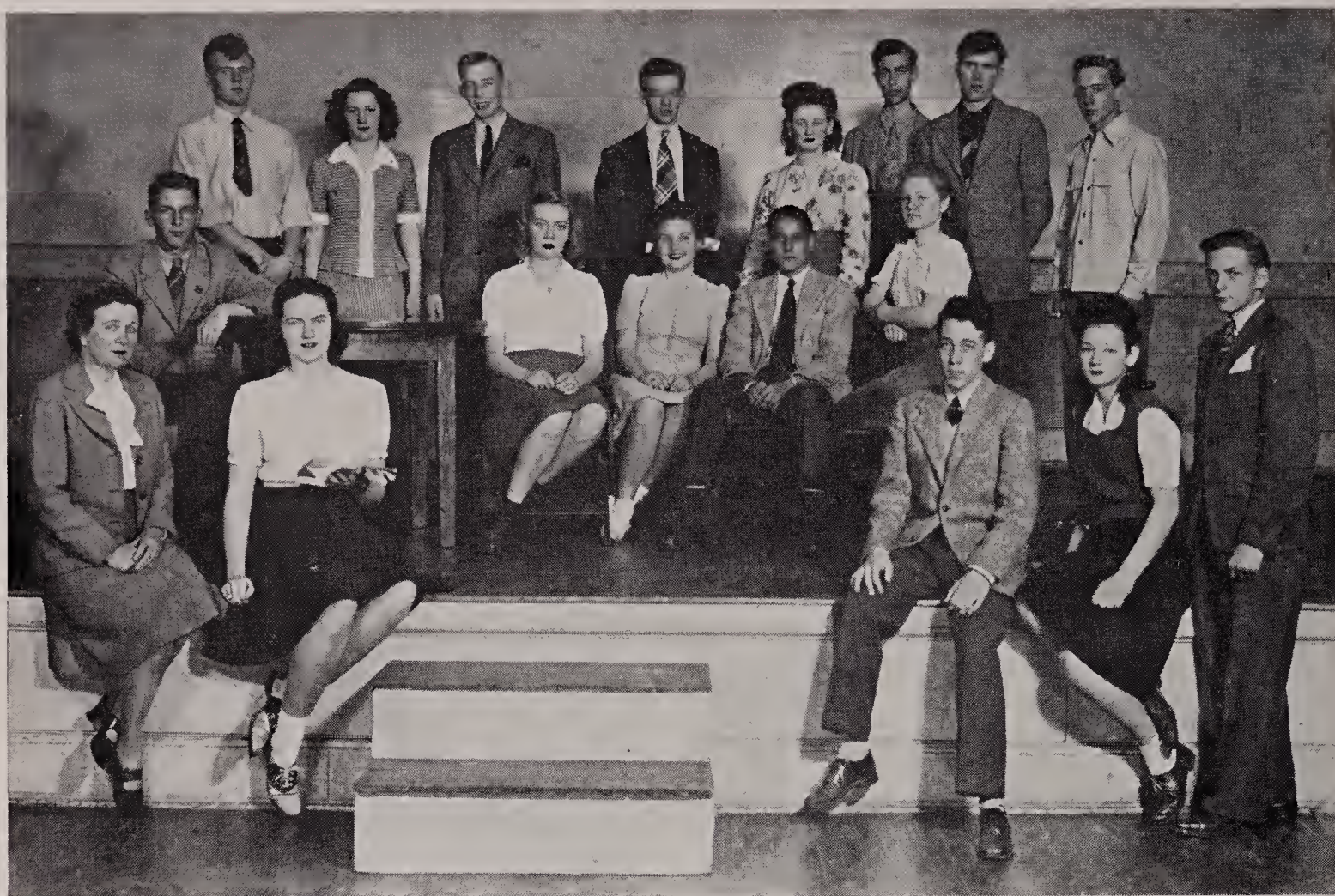
We find that our men worthy of letters are Paul Lesure and Kenneth Roberts, valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. The class honors were voted to Mardie Lyons and Virginia Morss, and the faculty honors were awarded to Barbara Johnson and Blanche Stalliday.

Now in rehearsal is the senior play, "Junior Miss", starring Virginia Morss and coached by Mrs. Wescott, a director of the Quannapowitt Players.

Day by day the call to the armed forces seems to deplete our group, and we are becoming a small senior class. This only makes us realize more fully how soon our class activities will come to an end, and how very soon we are to become alumni of Reading High.

Dolly Conron '45





SENIOR PLAY CAST

"JUNIOR MISS"

The Senior Play, "Junior Miss", adapted by Jerome Chodorof and Joseph Fields from the novel by Sally Benson, was presented by the Class of 1945. The plot revolves around a robust, extremely active young girl named Judy Graves, played by Virginia Morss. Her loving, but bewildered parents, Grace and Harry Graves, portrayed by Ruth Billingham and Preston Crowell, are continually finding new sides of Judy's complex character. One of Judy's pet labors is that of matchmaking; and while on the subject of men, let us not forget Lois, Judy's sophisticated elder sister, who resembles the lodestone in that she has a distinctly magnetic quality for members of the opposite sex. Her boy friends, to mention only a few, are: Merrill Feurbach (Robert Batting), the pathetically shy type; Sterling Brown (Francis St. Hilaire), the masher; Albert Kunody (Russell Pollitz), the grind; and Tommy Arbuckle (Richard Brennan), the braggart who averages a sweet 185 with the candlepins.

Willis Reynolds, portrayed by Paul Lesure, is a former business associate of Harry's, and Grace's brother, who

happens upon the scene after 10 years' absence and causes quite a sensation with Judy. This imaginative young girl supposes that Willis has done a ten-year stretch up the river, but in reality, because of business failures, he had left to start life anew. Her sense of pity overcoming her, Judy attempts to marry Willis to Ellen, the daughter of Harry's blustering business associate, J. B. Curtis. To enliven the proceedings, Fuffy Adams, played by Elinor Martin, is a typical blond block buster. Barlow, the latter's brother, and Haskell Cummings, Judy's escort, are ably characterized by Robert Fortier and Alan "Scientific" Hodges. Hilda, the sarcastic maid, is the sobering influence on the play and Dorothy Gonzalo presents the "character" in fine fashion; finally, the Western Union boy (Elmer Young) provides our "Frank Sinatra" influence. Barbara Hutchins and Dana Williams, before he entered the Army, were the student directors, and, thanks to them, many a budding actor or actress remembered a line that was "just on the tip of my tongue."

The play was directed by Mrs. Merle B. Wescott, a Quannapowitt Player. The entire cast appreciates Mrs. Wescott's efforts in producing "Junior Miss."



AND THE CREW

CHARACTERS

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Harry Graves</i> | Preston Crowell |
| <i>Joe</i> | Richard Brennan |
| <i>Grace Graves</i> | Ruth Billingham |
| <i>Hilda</i> | Dorothy Gonzalo |
| <i>Lois Graves</i> | Anastasia Gavin |
| <i>Judy Graves</i> | Virginia Morss |
| <i>Fuffy Adams</i> | Elinor Martin |
| <i>J. B. Curtis</i> | Robert Mathieson |
| <i>Ellen Curtis</i> | Blanche Stalliday |
| <i>Willis Reynolds</i> | Paul Lesure |
| <i>Barlow Adams</i> | Robert Fortier |
| <i>Western Union Boy</i> | Elmer Young |
| <i>Merrill Feurbach</i> | Robert Batting |
| <i>Sterling Brown</i> | Francis St. Hilaire |
| <i>Albert Kunody</i> | Russell Pollitz |
| <i>Tommy Arbuckle</i> | Richard Brennan |
| <i>Charles</i> | Robert Fortier |
| <i>Henry</i> | Alan Hodges |
| <i>Haskell Cummings</i> | Alan Hodges |

Our stage crew was, as usual, almost as important as the cast of "Junior Miss". By the crew we mean those who worked on posters, those who sold tickets, the properties committee, the ushers, and all those whose duties helped bring about a successful play.

Our stage manager was Richard Hagan, who worked with Jacqueline White as his assistant. Mrs. Woodberry gave a great deal of assistance to our poster painting artists.

It was only through the excellent cooperation of the stage crew that our play was so successful.

SUPER SENIORS

GIRLS

Margaret Lyons
Barbara Johnson
Shirley Myott
Orilla MacLean
Marie Titcomb
Jean Crouse
Janice Brown
Margaret Lyons
Constance Peterson
Avis Knight
Margaret Lyons
Doris Bain
Margaret Lyons
Virginia Morss
Eleanor Nigro
Virginia Morss
Dorothy Parshley
Janice Brown
Barbara Johnson
Jeanne Fuller
James White
Barbara Johnson
Barbara Flint
Nancy Pomeroy
Jean Crouse
Eleanor Wallace
Avis Knight
Jean Wellings
Marie Titcomb
Mary White
Constance Foxcroft

MOST POPULAR
 TEACHER'S PET
 BEST DRESSED
 WITTIEST
 BEST LOOKING
 CUTEST
 CLASS CLOWN
 MOST PERSONALITY
 QUIETEST
 CLASS BABY
 MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
 MOST FLIRTATIOUS
 MOST COURTEOUS
 BEST ACTOR
 BEST NATURED
 MOST AMBITIOUS
 CLASS ARTIST
 NOISIEST
 MOST STUDIOUS
 BEST ATHLETE
 BEST DANCER
 MOST MUSICALLY INCLINED
 CLASS COUPLE NO. 1
 CLASS COUPLE NO. 2
 HEARTBREAKER
 MOST DIGNIFIED
 BEST CLASS WORKER FOR R.H.S.
 MOST CHEERFUL
 NEATEST
 GUM CHEWER
 JUNIOR BOY AND GIRL

BOYS

David Fisher
Paul Lesure
Robert Griffin
Richard Brennan
Robert Griffin
Arthur Proctor
Richard Brennan
Arthur White
Melvin Lane
Robert Ryer
Paul Lesure
Ned Bloom
Kenneth Roberts
Robert Mathieson
Robert Neagle
Paul Lesure
Donald Brock
Richard Brennan
Kenneth Roberts
Daniel Norwood
James Currell
George White
Daniel Norwood
Dwight Newman
David Fisher
Elmer Young
Dana Williams
Arthur White
Robert Griffin
George White
Richard Bloom

LITERARY LAPSES

THE A. B. C.'s OF OUR SENIOR YEAR

A—is for the Arrival of our senior year.
 B—is for the Books which we perused while here.
 C—is for the Classes and those Crushes adoring.
 D—is for the Dances and Detention so boring.
 E—is for our Effort, Erasers, and English.
 F—is for Football; our team was distinguished.
 G—is for the Good times we've had this year.
 H—is for Honors; we're bright kids, that's clear.
 I—is for our Ignorance replaced by Intelligence.
 J—is for the Janitor's most everlasting presence.
 K—is for Kickoffs mostly good; sometimes p-fff.
 L—is for Labs; say no more—just whiff!
 M—is for Monkeyshines, Music, and Movies.
 N—is for No-school; needed days of ease.
 O—is for Officers—class ones and traffic.
 P—is for our Play which was surely terrific.
 Q—is for Quizzes; some made us feel silly.
 R—is for Rallies—the idea's a dilly.
 S—is for Seniors their actions debated.
 T—is for Teams which were not overrated.
 U—is for Uncle Sam, who may beckon to you.
 V—is for Vacations too short and too few.
 W—is for Work through which we all did blunder.
 X—is for X-rays which caused us to wonder.
 Y—is for Youth once so dear to our hearts.
 Z—is for Zero hour, the time we depart.

Dolly Conron '45

—V—

WAVES BEFORE A STORM

Rise and fall in ceaseless motion—
 Phantom shapes—ragged, writhing
 Gray and somber—blending, parting
 Twist and undulate in rhythm,
 Rise and fall in ceaseless motion—

Like a mass of dripping clay
 Shaped by the wind's cold fingers.

Shirley Davis '46

R. H. S. HIT PARADE

"Saturday Night"—At the Rocketeen Club.
 "I'm Confessin"—That my homework isn't done.
 "Saving Myself for Bill"—Pat.
 "I Miss You"—R. H. S. to Mr. Peck and Miss Reed.
 "Till Then"—When we graduate.
 "Dancing in the Dark"—Get off my toe, you heel!
 "When Day Is Done"—A sigh of relief!
 "Going My Way"—Senior boys to sophomore girls.
 "Give Me Ten Men Who Are Stout Hearted Men"—We
 already have Dave Fisher.
 "Time Alone Will Tell"—Will we graduate?
 "A Little on the Lonely Side"—Waiting in the office.
 "Long Ago and Far Away"—Our sophomore days.
 "Cocktails for Two"—Coke, please!
 "April Showers"—Who left the drinking fountain on all
 night?
 "There's Music Everywhere"—Issuing from the music
 room.
 "Remember When"—Mr. Halpin frightened us to death.
 "Two O'clock Jump"—Work permit pupils out the back
 door.
 "Time Waits for No One"—So we've got to go!

Avis Knight '45
 Paul Lesure '45

—V—

DANCING ANGELS

The snowflakes are falling down,
 Falling gently to the ground.
 Angel-like come floating down,
 Dancing angels all around.

Floating, dancing here and there,
 On the rooftops, in my hair,
 In the fields and everywhere,
 When they dance they do not care.

How does it feel to be falling down,
 Floating, dancing to the ground,
 Dressed in lace and floating down,
 Whirling, twirling, all around?

June Boyd '47

LITERARY LAPSES

"THOUGHTS WHILE TRYING TO THINK OF SOMETHING TO WRITE FOR ENGLISH"

It's very bothersome to write a theme in class. I never have been able to do it, and I doubt if I can now. I hate school anyhow! Heavens, I haven't done my Latin translation yet! Well, I hope the girl beside me in Latin has done her homework. . . . *What* shall I expound my intelligence upon *this* fine day? "Why Miners Get Black by Working in Mines" would be a good subject if the reason required more than the one word "coal"—but it doesn't. It certainly is lucky that I'm putting my thoughts down because if I can't think of anything else, I can pass this in. . . . And I mustn't make any mistakes in coherence, and those other three things we studied. What was that joke that George told me this morning? Two Irishmen, no, two *Frenchmen* . . . well, anyway, they were walking down the railroad tracks . . . or was it two *Scotchmen*? This could go on forever. I guess I've forgotten the joke.

This isn't getting me anywhere—or my English mark either! A psychologist could probably make something interesting out of this muddle. You can depend on them to make something out of *anything*! All the other pupils seem to be doing all right—with occasional perplexed pokes at their heads—and so I'll have to keep this up to be even with them. Every time I see Miss Shay's rank book, I quiver all over and make a blot on the paper. I just saw the rank book, got a quiver, and here's the blot.

The period isn't even half over yet, and I have to fill some more space. I might try the suggestion on the board, but I never knew an individual with any good in him, and the second idea is too complicated, and I would probably become so involved that I'd write a magazine serial. So *they're out*. I could try some poetry!

Averted face, evasive eye,
Thus do I watch my love pass by.
You are to me like miser's gold,
Yet I suspect your heart is . . . your
heart is . . . old, sold, bold . . . oh, what's
the use? (The obvious word was "cold", but I didn't put
it down because I filled three lines with explanation.)

The sunlight on your golden hair—
As you sit in a gilded chair—
Ta-tum-ta-tum ta-tum-ta-tum,
And yet I fear your heart is. . . .

(I could have thought of a third line but then I couldn't have written this.)

My, this is fun! I never thought I could get away with this so easily! And now, as my brother would say, I think I'll go up to the attic and dissect the body Cousin Dracie gave me for Christmas!

Author's note—The poetry was original and was composed on the spur of the moment.

Barbara Standbridge '46

"MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS"

Ah, yes! Last week we had our mid-years, an old R. H. S. custom which is observed each year at this time. Some pupils pass these examinations; others disappear suddenly, never to be heard of again.

There are several types of characters which are noted during the exams. One is the "coat-lining" type. This professional filcher has various important facts pinned to the left side of his coat lining for handy reference. He is perhaps the most common type. Another type is the "dirty-hand" boy, who has the necessary dates, formulas, etc., printed on the palm and wrist and forearm. A third type is the "reader's digest" type. This character has the audacity to have all the "verboten" information written out on a folded piece of paper, which is carefully intermingled with the other exam papers or booklet. This method frequently proves embarrassing, if not fatal, as the paper is sometimes mistakenly left in the examination booklet by the nervous switcher, only to be discovered by the stunned teacher who always thought that "Reginald" did know all the answers. Amazingly enough, some of our most brilliant scholars hold their knowledge in their hands, not in their heads.

The fate of these apprehended arch-criminals is too horrible to be described here. You have no doubt had your exam interrupted by the static bark of a machine gun in the back yard of our beloved institution, or by ear-splitting screams arising from the deep, dark, depths of the basement. These, fellow students, are the fates of the foiled fagins.

But, wait! Do not, gentle public, be deceived by these descriptions, for they constitute only a minority of our fellow students. There are those who are brave, honest, upright and clean, setting an everlasting example for their underclassmen. They enter the exam room with a furrowed brow, a face the shade of unripe bananas, and sunken purplish circles under their eyes.

As they sit down and take up their examinations, some have a faint, almost contented smile on their faces, for they, by sheer luck, have studied precisely the information required on the exam. Others, by another quirk of fate, have studied everything except that which appears on the test sheet. Young Casper McFink was an example of the latter. They buried him yesterday. After scanning his exam he sadly arose from his seat, and with eyes watering and ears sagging he shuffled to the door. He slowly opened the door (with a high pitch squeak) and crawled to the waste paper shute. Here he stopped momentarily, groped in his pocket for his last will and testament which fluttered to the floor, and finally plunged head first down the shute. A slow whistle, gradually lowering in frequency, was heard, followed by a mushy splat.

(By the way, if you have an imagination, hang on to it, mine got away from me.)

Bob Batting '45

LITERARY LAPSES

A BEQUEST

As a graduating Senior,
I shall take the liberty
Of some sound advice bequeathing
To the "Senior-yet-to-be."

From my vast and well earned knowledge,
Gleaned throughout my long school years,
I shall condescend to give advice,
You had best observe, my dears.

If you ever stroll the corridors
With some "grievous wrong" in mind,
Don't "pan" the guilty teacher,
For he may be right behind!

If you should stay out of school some day
For some poor excuse—no more,
Do not bother e'en to give it—
It's all been heard before.

If you do not do your homework,
And try to "bluff it out,"
Just remember we've all tried it,
And we, too, were soon found out.

Oh, observe ye all these precepts,
(And kindly stop your yawning),
For your own good I've tendered
These most solemn words of warning.

Virginia Morss '45

NIGHTLY VICTORY

My duffle bag is loaded,
I can hardly tote it home.
Half my homework is listed in notebooks,
Half stuffed into my dome.

Evening comes, the struggle is on.
I've been through it all before.
I must be brave; I must be strong.
But homework is such a bore!

By the process of elimination,
By sifting and sorting and crossing them off,
I find that I didn't have any at all,
And at homework once again I scoff!

Dorothy Gonzalo

—V—

SEPTEMBER RAIN

Outdoors the clouds cried raindrops,
The sky was dark and frowning.
In the street great puddles formed,
And little leaves were drowning.

Avis Knight '45



CHRONICLE STAFF

The Chronicle staff, this year under the guiding hand of Miss Shay, found itself graced with both experienced and enthusiastic literary geniuses. Since the past year has been full of both school and extra-curricular activities, the Reading High School News has never suffered from a lack of newsprint. The editor, Paul Lesure, and his assistant, Kenneth Roberts, headed a staff composed of members of all three classes. A character, Casper McFink, now quite famous in the Senior Class, was introduced in one of Robert Batting's articles. Surely, if you read the article, you cannot forget the trials and tribulations of Casper in his first Midyear's.

Representatives of Hi-Y, Tri-Hi-Y, the Raymond Memorial Library, the Reading Youth Council, plus athletes in all the major teams, comprised the Specialty Department. Our "Pop" sez" saying at the beginning of many of the earlier columns was, of course, dreamed or hunted up by Mr. Hermon "Pop" Wheeler of the Faculty. The typist for the Hi-School News Column was Marie Theodorou. It was this good-natured (and charm-

ing) young miss who was forced to decipher the handwriting of such arch eye-strainers as the editor and assistant, along with quite a few other culprits. A sophomore, Rita Lorgeree, subbed as typist and errand girl.

Three blue stars may now be seen heading our column. Dana Williams, Martin Lappin, and Frank Leach are serving their country.

We hope that the column has brought you "all the news fit to print and some not so fit."

The members of the Chronicle Staff for 1944-45 are:

Seniors: Paul Lesure, Ed., Kenneth Roberts, Asst., Donna Shulkey, Margaret Lyons, Avis Knight, Eleanor Nigro, Dorothy Parshley, Dana Williams, Robert Batting, Martin Lappin, Elmer Young, Russell Pollitz, Richard Hagan, Frank Leach.

Juniors: Wilmont Murray, Winifred McLaughlin, Ethel Whittredge.

Sophomores: Albert Robinson, Robert Dearborn, Carolyn Lawler, Nancy Lawson, Sally Benson, Diane Shulkey, June Boyd.



SENIOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Senior Executive Board is composed of the class officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, plus two members from each home room, and our efficient adviser, Miss Nichols.

The purpose of the Board is to appoint committees to

meet and consult with Miss Nichols to make preparations for various class functions.

Our first meeting was devoted to formulating plans for senior graduation. The necessity for meeting did not arise early in the year, but at later meetings we decided many important issues relating to senior activities.







SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

The pupils who nonchalantly walked through the front door of R. H. S. and milled around the halls and stairwells at 10 o'clock on the first day of school, were the Seniors of '47. Getting used to the ways of the school took time, but now we're all old hands at rotary traffic, jumping bells (we always try it, anyway), and that sort of thing. Speaking of the customs of the school, I sincerely believe we could have a top-notch track team, if we utilized some of the material that races down the corridors for a place in the lunch line.

When the time for our elections rolled around, we elected Al Robinson, President; Dalton Richmond, Vice-President; Ann O'Keefe, Secretary; and Dave Castine, Treasurer. By the way, this is Dave's fourth consecutive year as class treasurer. He deserves a medal!

Toward the end of the second quarter, the teachers began to remind us of those novel traps called "mid-years." Now that they're over, though, we can look back on them and laugh. (Am I kidding?) On the brighter side, everyone had a swell time at the Sophomore Hop. A live orchestra played, ample refreshments were served, and little angels were everywhere — decorations, of course, not the Sophomores.

When we look back over the year as a whole, we can see some rough spots, but altogether the Seniors of '47 have done "all right" in their Sophomore year.

Bob Dearborn '47





JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

A September morn dawned bright and clear as we went back to school feeling rather smug, for weren't we *Juniors*? We were rather taken aback upon discovering that our teachers were not in the least afraid of us, and that few sophomores, if any, stood in awe of us. So we quickly settled down to the hum-drum life of school and homework.



We elected class officers with Walter Dagdigian, Don Stratton, and Joan Batting as President, Vice-President, and Secretary, respectively. William Haines, our treasurer, left us for some far-flung corner of Maine, and Francis "Herman" Quinlan is now acting as our treasurer.

Not only have we managed, with no effort at all, to do more than our part in keeping detention well-filled, but we also had a glorious share in our wonderful football team. Fall dragged slow-

ly by with us forever looking forward to Saturdays and the games. Christmas followed and the long-feared exams were at last upon us. By this time mid-year exams were an old story to us, and we managed to sail through with only the most ordinary tremblings and quakings.

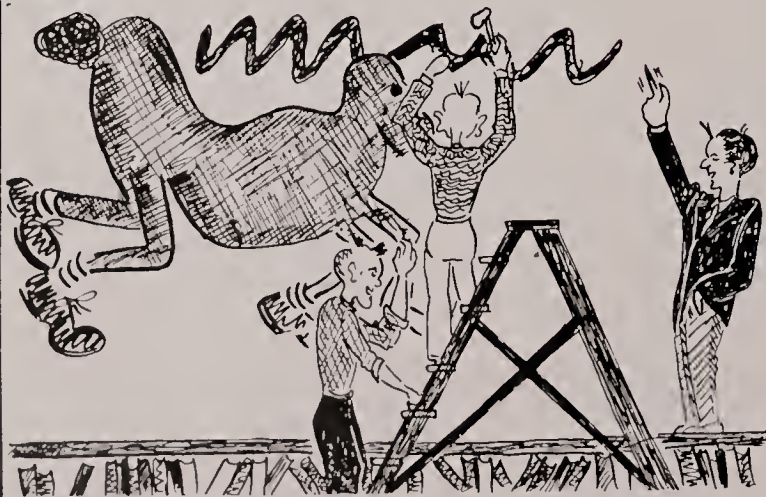
We have held only two class meetings. We have not had our Junior Prom, yet, for that great event will take place early in May. We hope for a big success, financially and socially. There was some talk about combining the Prom and the Junior-Senior Reception into one affair, but we would have none of it. Hence we are laying plans for a gala Junior-Senior night.

Despite our complacency and prestige, we are going to miss you seniors of 1945, you boys with cropped hair and girls with much-combed locks.

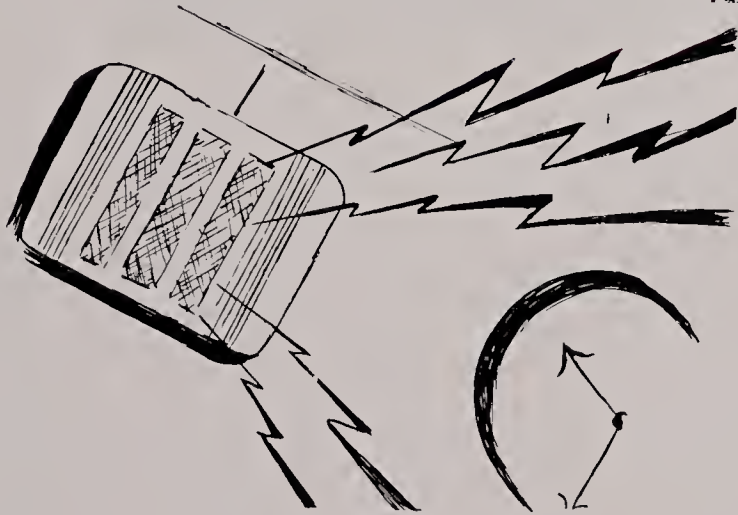
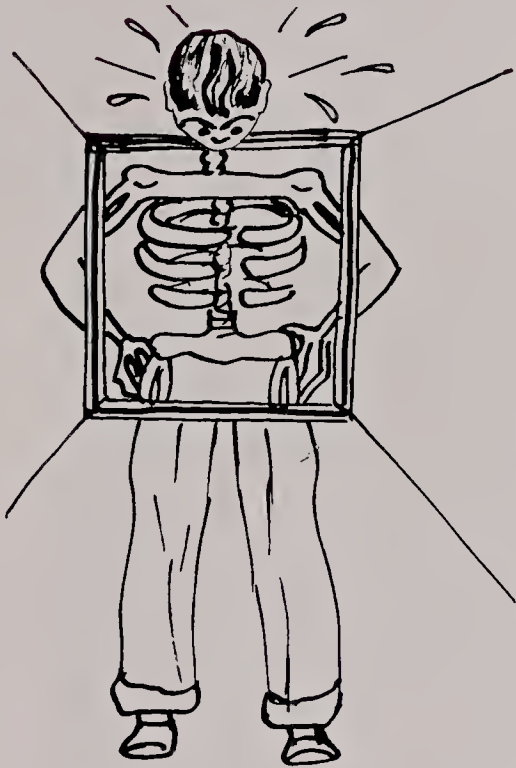
Still, it goes without saying that we look forward to being seniors and, even more, graduates.

Cynthia Upton '46

Day after Day-



- and Any Day!



ATHLETICS



MR. ALFRED KENT



MISS FLORENCE NICHOLS



MR. ALBERT REINHALTER



FOOTBALL SQUAD

Rockets, Rockets, Reading . . . and those mighty mites of R. H. S. proved their worth in the following games:

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| Sept. 23—Reading | 13 | Johnson | 0 |
| 30—Reading | 7 | Governor Dummer | 6 |
| Oct. 7—Reading | 22 | Wellesley | 6 |
| 14—Reading | 18 | Punchard | 0 |
| 21—Reading | 6 | Woburn | 0 |
| 28—Reading | 20 | Lexington | 7 |
| Nov. 4—Reading | 19 | Winchester | 9 |
| 11—Reading | 12 | Wakefield | 24 |
| 23—Reading | 20 | Stoneham | 0 |

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The victorious Black and Red lined up in this fashion: at left end station were found Dick Bloom and Herman Quinlan, a pair of Junior Chargers, who are really "in the know." Ray Merritt and Bob Griffin, two huge, handsome seniors, slotted left tackle, while veteran Hank Leach stood in at left guard aided by "Buck" Webster, 170 lb. promising sophomore. Not only was Danny Norwood our standout at center but also the famed Rocket Captain, and a worthy leader. Ray O'Brien, a junior, was Danny's "helping hand." Senior Bob Mathieson and Walter Dagdigian, a junior, have held up right guard in grand style as the right tackle berth was kept hot by Jimmy Currell, a senior, who had played a fine game all year. Jimmie's assistant was no less than "Porky" Woodward, a junior, who is 190 lbs. of high explosive. Bob Brooks and Melvin Merrill, two seniors from good old N. R., shared right end honors and kept the fur flying in enemy territory. Our sharpwitted quarterbacks were Art White, diminutive senior, and

Charles Powers, a hefty junior. Two big guns stood out at fullback in Ned "Biffer" Bloom, senior, and Rodney "Rock" White, a junior. The right half post was shared by three able stalwarts: Bob Nagle and Bill Fennelly, seniors; and Don Stratton, a junior. The all-important left half sector also sported a trio of triple threaters in seniors, Dave Fisher and Dick Ford, plus Alfred Eisenhaure, a junior promise. Credit also goes to Herb Robertson, a tall sophomore whose knee injury kept him out of several games.

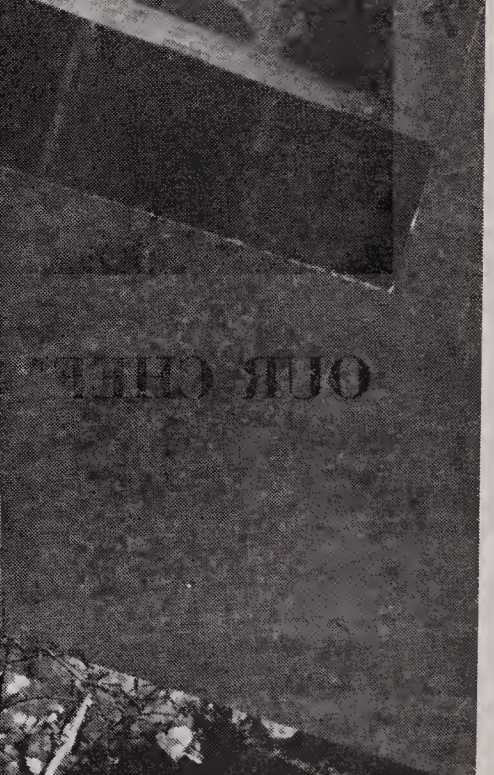
Although these boys have come through with a better-than-ever season, success throughout the year was brought about by fine coaching, good managing, and a Junior Varsity squad that has won the respect of the victorious "first stringers." Some of these boys, who kept the Varsity on its toes, are: Francis St. Hilaire, Paul Brown, Gordon Messier, Earl Martin, James Gillespie, Richard Hume, Richard Vincent, Russell Hoffman, Kenneth Balsor, David Castine, Arthur Fisher, Dalton Flanders, William Rogers, Quentin Hoyt and Lyle De Long.

Once again "Doc" Wakeling has kept our lads well patched, a service which meant so much to those eight big victories. Who will ever forget Doc's Saturday-afternoon stride with that little black pouch that contains so much?

Yeah, man! That rocket R. H. S. ignited on September 23 left a red hot trail of sparks through the victory stratosphere, and it will be a cute trick to keep them glowing next year, but everything's ready and waiting—so good luck, Rockets of 1945!

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Bedecked in their "Philip Morris" uniforms, the cheerleaders led rallies before the games and assisted in the Friday night rally, which was a huge success.

Spirit was added to the basketball games with a hearty cheer for Reading during the quarters.

It is with pride and regret that the cheerleaders' megaphones are turned over to next year's "Rockettes."





PROGRAM GIRLS AND TICKET SELLERS

In the school colors, black sweaters and red skirts, Betty Brown, Shirley Myott, Eleanor Hatfield, "Tootsie" Arthur, Mary White, Muriel Stiles, "Mardie" Lyons, and Pat Riessle added to the spirit of the football games. The informative programs they distributed enabled parents and friends to pick out the various players and to follow their particular heroes on the gridiron.

Other flashes of black and red seen ably performing their duties in the ticket booths were Ginny Wright, "Sis" McLean, Marie Theodorou, and Barbara Flint. They could be found making change quickly and accurately even on the coldest days. These girls, although they didn't actually carry the ball, helped to make the season successful.



BOYS' BASEBALL

The baseball season got under way the last week in March. Our team is ably run by our new coach, Albert Reinhalter. He is assisted by head manager Buck Webster and assistant manager Robert Moores. The seniors who are playing ball this season are as follows: Captain Arthur White (outfielder); Ned Bloom, Dave Fisher, Bob Nagle (infielders); and Jimmy White (battery). The Juniors on the team are Eddie Conron, Jack Ivers, Dick Bloom, Herm Quinlan, Charlie Cullinane, and Charlie Maige. There are a large number of Sophomores out for baseball with Herb Robertson, "Duke" Doucette, Myron Eisenhaure, Al Robinson, Ray Dewhurst, Walter White, Dave Castine, and Cy Mugford, all fighting for permanent jobs on the baseball diamond. One of the most promising players Reading has seen is Bob Nagle, who holds the shortstop position on the team. We have great hopes for a fine baseball season.





BOYS' BASKETBALL



The Seniors on this year's basketball team were not very well represented, since there were only three on the team.

We won only four League games; we lost some contests by slim margins. There were several real "thrillers" during the season.

The fellows were fortunate this year in being invited to play Quincy at the Boston Garden. Locally, they tangled with (and licked) the Old Timers in an exciting game.

The Reading Boosters' Club aided the team greatly by their loyal support at the games. They sold tickets, acted as ushers, solicited contributions, and arranged for insurance.

The lettermen were:

Seniors: Capt. Arthur White, Raymond Merritt, Edward Bloom.

Juniors: John Ivers (Capt. '46), Francis Quinlan, Richard Bloom.

Sophomores: Walter White, Robert Fitzgerald, Herbert Robertson, Charles Reed, Demelle Geary (M.G.R.)



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls' basketball team started off with a bang this year in the first game of the season by being victorious over Malden with a score of 30-27 for the first team and a score of 36-24 for the second team.

The second team won another victory when they played Wakefield, ending the game with a score of 32-20.

In the last game of the season, the first team lost to Wilmington by a margin of 27-26.

The girls on the first team are: Marie Hoffer, Joan Ivers, Shirley Davis, Connie Foxcroft, Jeanne Fuller, Priscilla Fancy, Edna Mae Storti.

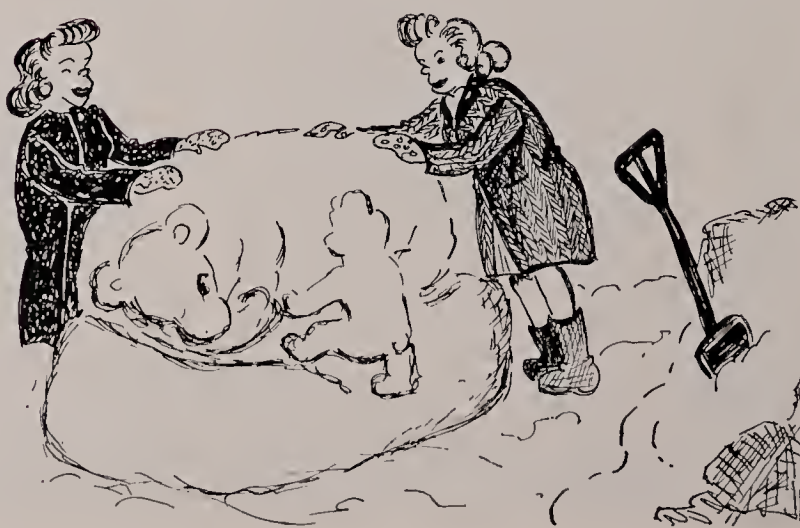
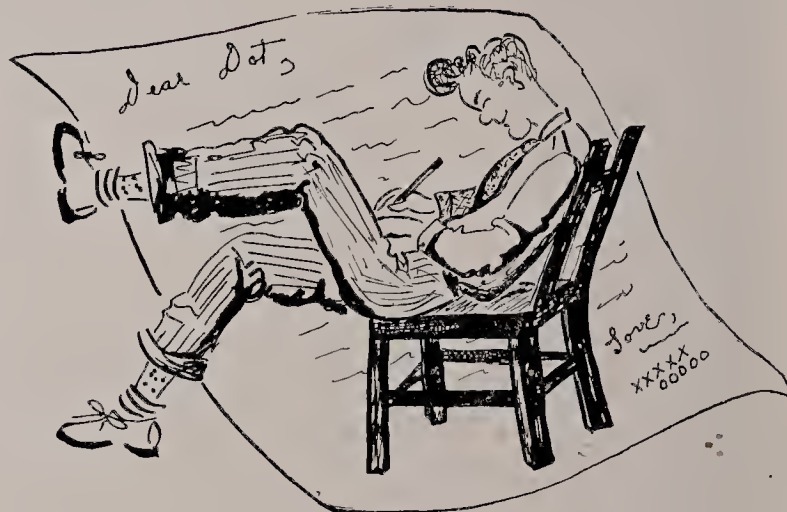
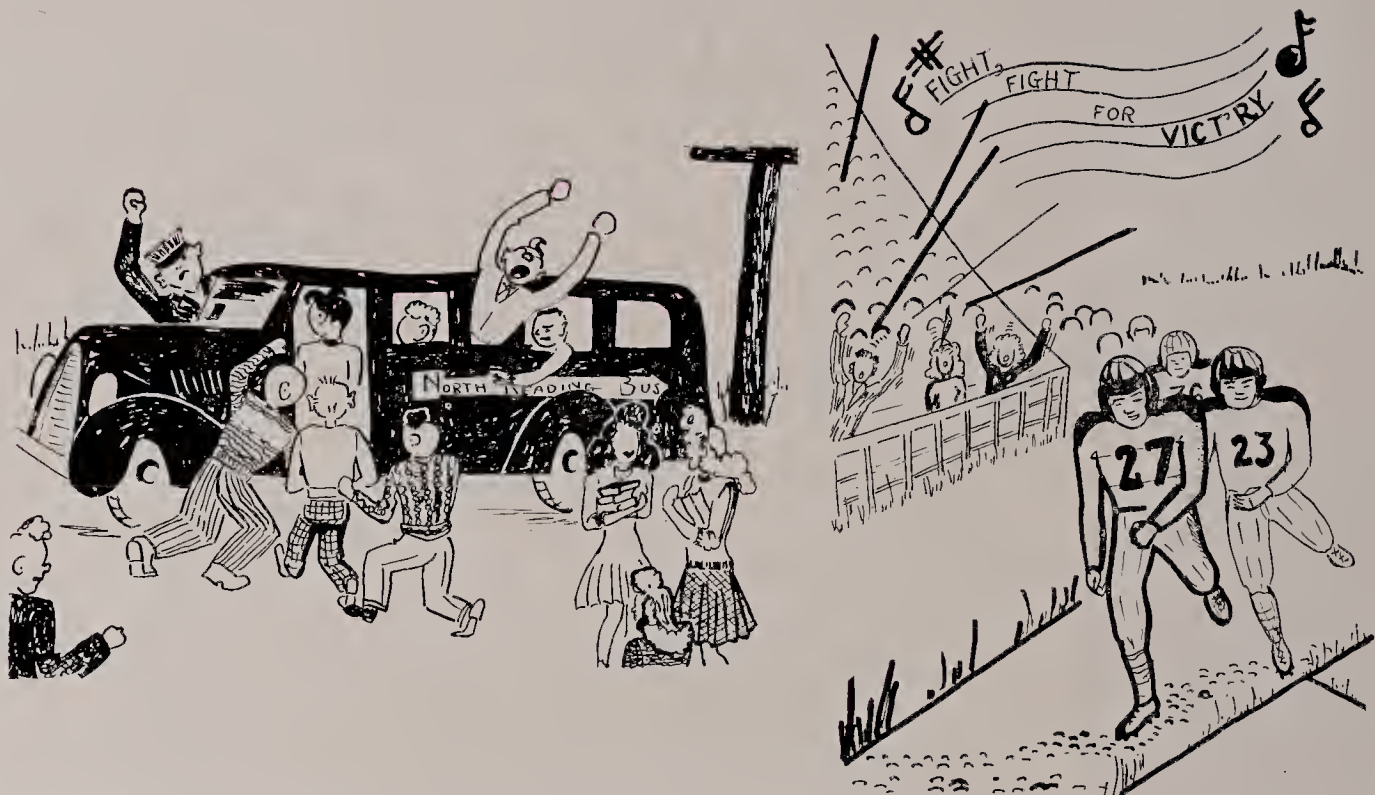
The girls on the second team are: Shirley Rivers, June Boyd, Bertha Foster, Joan Batting, Ann O'Keefe, Eleanor MacLeod, Betty Hallock, Frances Ferrick, Dorothy Crosby, Barbara Lowell, Barbara Hutchins, Betty Dagdigian, Mary Noonan, Nita Michelini, Edith Smith.





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GLEE CLUB

This year there has been organized a Girls' Glee Club similar to that of last year's. Half of the club meets the second period on Tuesdays and Thursdays; the other half meets the seventh period on these same days.

Approximately 45 girls make up the Girls' Glee Club. They have made several appearances on the stage with the choir.



BAND

We have had an active season this year in spite of the fact that the school lost Mr. Peck just before our February vacation. The band played at all the rallies and games except the game with Governor Dummer.

The group has given three concerts this year: one, at the Highland School, another, at the Pearl Street School, and the third, at the Junior High.

We miss Mr. Peck and hope that he will have the best of luck, always. Mr. Cyrus Thompson has taken over our musical activities.

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A CAPPELLA CHOIR



Ever since A Cappella Choir was organized in Reading High, it has been one of Reading's outstanding assets. Its talented members work hard to make the Choir a success.

The members of the senior choir will always remember the Minstrel Show of '43, one of the greatest successes Reading had ever seen. Mr. Peck's prodigies, the Curbstone Four, were a big hit.

Probably one of the most exciting things to happen to the choir group was the trip to the Hotel Statler. It was a great honor for Reading's A Cappella Choir to be invited to sing at the Chevrolet Dealers' Dinner.



TRI-HI-Y

Due to the loss of interest Tri-Hi was disbanded last spring. In the fall the old members were very anxious to reorganize the club. With the help of Miss Nichols, our adviser, and Mr. Symonds, our state secretary, we held a meeting and elected officers. They are: President, Mardie Lyons. Vice-President, Joan Batting; Secretary, Blanche Stalliday; Treasurer, Sylvia Batchelder; and Chaplain, Barbara Hutchins.

We were told by Mr. Symonds that our official name is Tri-Hi-Y, not Tri-Hi. We are trying to use the accepted name.

In February, seventeen new members were admitted to our organization. Each member was assigned to a program committee to be responsible for a particular meeting.

We try to have our programs varied. Our first speaker was a Cadet Nurse, Avis Sargent, an R. H. S. graduate. We have made one trip to the Melrose Y. M. C. A. for swimming, and are planning other activities and programs.



HI-Y

In the fall of 1944 the Hi-Y organization was weak in numbers but strong in spirit. Under the able leadership of our President, Dana Williams, the club began to expand and show signs of life. We have had three inductions of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Thus, we now have 33 members. From the beginning of the year it was the desire of the members to conduct a campaign whereby students and teachers, as well as the parents and friends of the club members, would become better acquainted with the purpose of Hi-Y. After much plan-

ning, we sponsored a Hi-Y week, during which we were very fortunate to have Cameron Beck, a well-known business-man, speak to the school on "Moulding Our Future According to Our Likes and Dislikes." On the twenty-second of March Dana Williams left for the service, and since then Dick Hagen, the Vice-President, has assumed the duties of President. We tender to the officers and members of 1945 and '46 our best wishes for a successful year.



FORUM

Much interest has been shown this year in groups which have met to discuss, under Mr. Pitkin's supervision, current world problems. These discussions differed from debates in that they were an earnest attempt to settle the given problem, and it was permissible for both sides to finish on the same side of the fence. The forum members had a certain time in which to present their views, after which the audience entered into the discussion.

The first forum, consisting of Martin Lappin, Bob Batting, Paul Lesure, and Ken Roberts, met in an assembly to discuss the problem, "What Must We Do With Post-War Germany." Ellie Nigro, Dave Rollins, Dana Williams, and Al Powell met in the January P.T.A. meeting to discuss "What Do the Dumbarton Oaks Decisions Mean?" A responsive audience took part in a forum to discuss "How to Win Friends and Influence People" based on Dale Carnegie's book of that name. On the panel were Mardie Lyons, Walter Dagdigian, Barbara Sheridan, Dave Fisher, Mary Teel, and Al Robinson. Julia Eastman, Dick Ford, Mardie Lyons, and Pres. Crowell formed a panel to discuss "Should There be Compulsory Military Training After the War?" This forum discussion took place first in a school assembly and later at a meeting of the Reading College Club.

R. H. S. students have taken part in two meetings of the Reading Forum. Paul Lesure and three adults made

up a panel to discuss the question, "What Should We Do with Germany after the War?" Bob Batting was on a similar panel to discuss "What Should We Do with Japan After the War?"

On Dec. 13 Paul Lesure and Bob Batting went to the Brooks School in North Andover to take part in the weekly "New England Junior Town Meeting of the Air." The topic was "Should We Keep Our Hands Off the Post-War Orient?" Ellie Nigro represented us in a later Junior Town Meeting, part of which was broadcast from England, discussing how American schools differ from British schools.

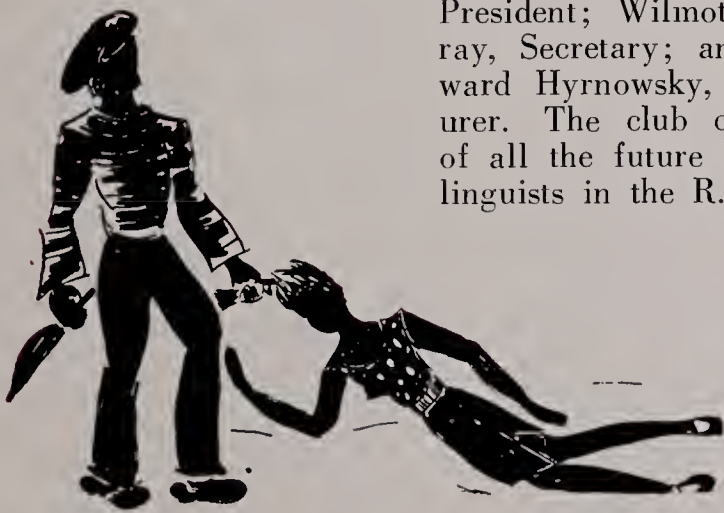


Forum



FRENCH CLUB

In its first year of existence the French Club got off to a flying start by electing the following officers: Richard Hagan, President; Wilmot Murray, Secretary; and Edward Hyrnowsky, Treasurer. The club consists of all the future French linguists in the R. H. S.



The activity of the club has been limited as it meets but once a month, but we have been able to collect clothing to send to the destitute.

Through the noble efforts of the songleader, Preston Crowell, and the pianist, Priscilla Fancy, the French Club is now able to sing clear, resonant French instead of murmurings.

Through the tireless efforts of Miss Brink, the French Club had the opportunity of seeing a full-length film and selected short subjects. Some of these shorts were actually filmed in France, and presented to all a clearer insight into what the French people have achieved in the midst of chaos and carnage. In a war-ravaged country the valiant French have made unequalled strides in the rehabilitation of their land.

All in all, the club has been enjoyed by the members. Perhaps when time is less limited, its scope of activity will increase.



STUDENT WAR ACTIVITIES

During the past year the students and faculty of R. H. S. have done their bit to aid the war effort. Every day war stamps were sold in the school under the supervision of Margaret Lyons.

During the national drive to collect clothing for the needy, students brought their contributions to the high school, where the clothing was sorted, under the direction of Miss Drury and Mr. Adams.

Many faculty members, and even some of the older students, have visited the Red Cross Blood Banks and "given a pint of blood to save a life."

Early in the year, several Civil Air Patrol Officers came to Reading and talked to the older Senior High School students about the Civil Air Patrol and the chance it gives young people to serve their country and to become air-intelligent at the same time. Many students, both boys and girls, responded, and Reading is now very well represented in the Wakefield-Reading Division of the Civil Air Patrol.

Thus reads the R.H.S. war activity agenda, 1944-1945.

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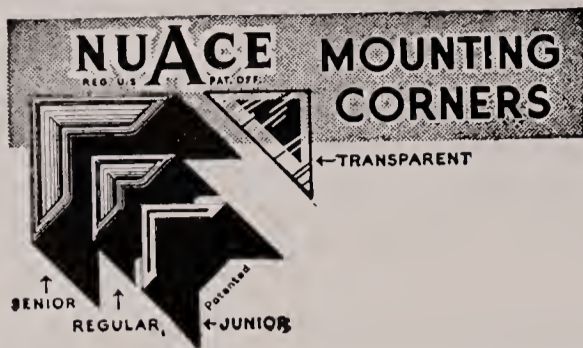
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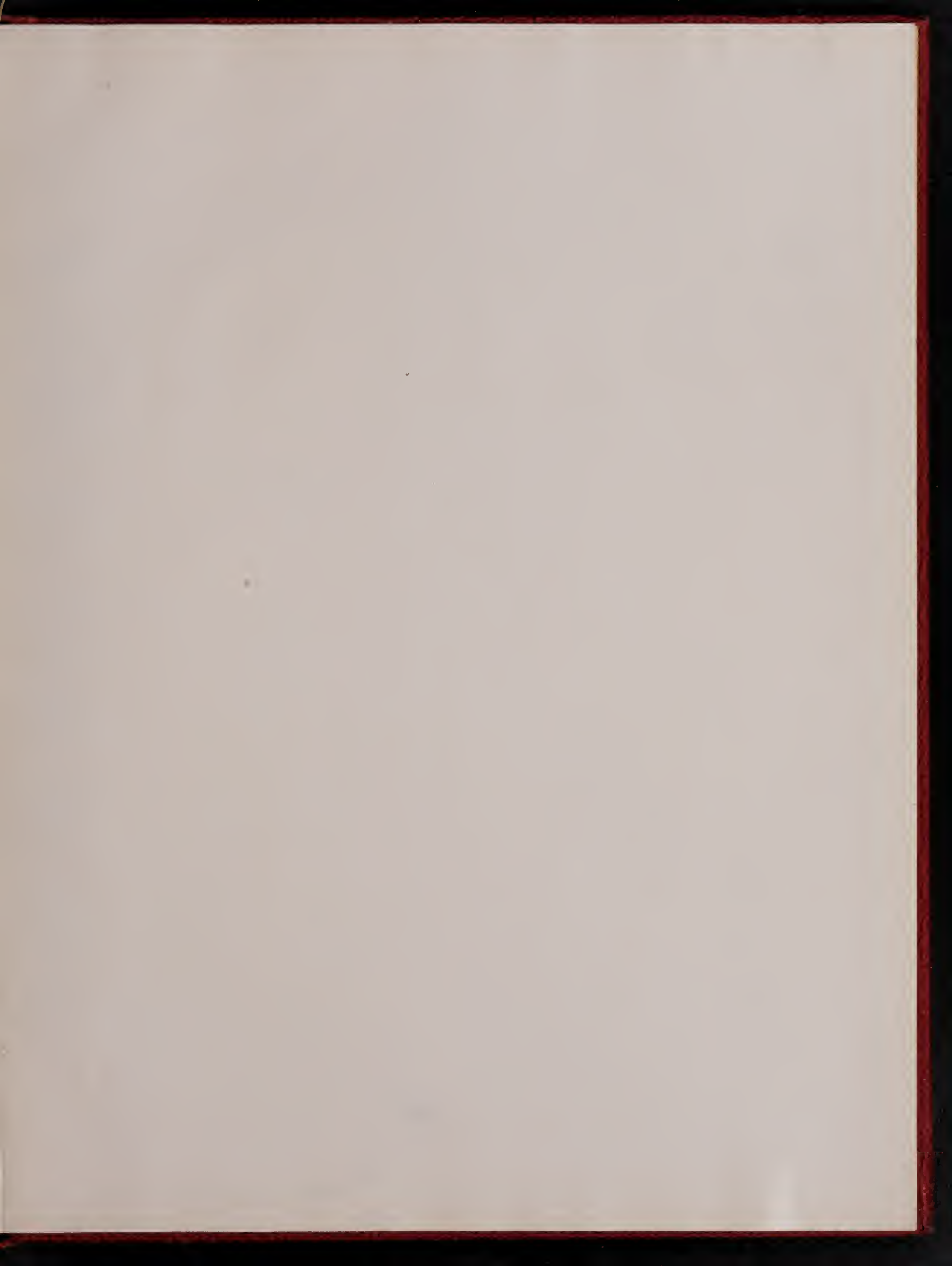
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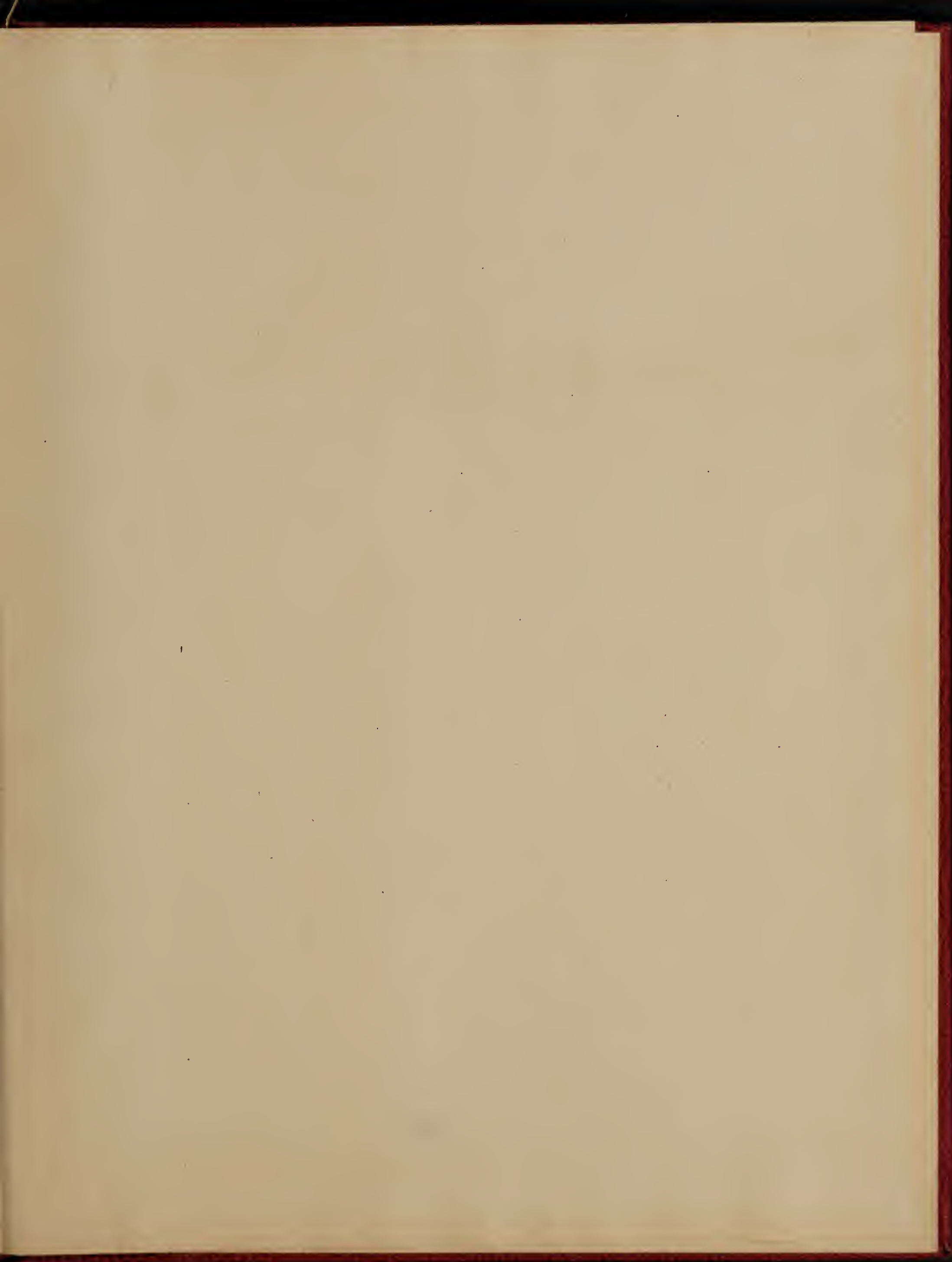
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